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Design and safety of oil rig criticized in report on disaster

An official Norwegian report on the Alexander L. Kielland oil rig disaster last year, in which 123 people died, criticizes poor design and construction, inadequate safety checks and "abysmal" emergency precautions. It says that only about a third of the men on board had been given special safety training, lifeboat launching mechanisms had jammed, and stand-by rescue vessels were slow to arrive.

Emergency precautions 'abysmal'

By John Huxley

Poor design and construction, inadequate safety checks and "abysmal" emergency precautions contributed to the Alexander L. Kielland oil rig disaster in which 123 people died last year, an official Norwegian report will say on Monday.

It says that only about a third of the men on board at the time of the accident had been given special safety training. Lifeboat launch mechanisms jammed and stand-by rescue vessels were slow in arriving at the scene.

The authorities responsible for certifying and checking the rig are criticized. The designers and constructors are taken to task over the stability of the structure.

The drilling rig, which had been converted for use as an hotel for oil workers, capsized in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea in March, 1980, after one of its five legs collapsed in a storm.

Among the dead were more than thirty Britons. There were 89 survivors, but it is feared that up to 39 of the dead may still be trapped in the upturned rig, now lying in Gandsfjord, near Stavanger.

The report is likely to increase the embarrassment and anguish of the Norwegian Government, which said shortly after the accident that "money would not be allowed to stand in the way" of recovering the missing bodies.

So far, one attempt to right the rig has been abandoned after expenditure of about £m, and amid bad feeling between officials, insurers and contractors.

The report, by a three-man commission headed by a judge, is also expected to reopen the debate about the safety and risks of North Sea oil exploration. That has always been a sensitive political topic in Norway. Morale was badly damaged by the disaster, which came only a few years after the Ekofisk Bravo platform blow-out in 1977.

As disclosed in *The Times* last July, the origins of the accident are traced to a 10in hole cut into one of the rig's leg braces for the insertion of a hydrophone, an electronic positioning device. The hole had been clumsily sealed, using poor materials. Cracks appeared and led, finally, to a fracture of the brace, the report concludes.

It adds that, irrespective of metal fatigue from that source, the brace was inadequate for the strain it had to bear.

Once the rig started listing heavily to one side, leaks allowed in water which made it top heavy and caused it to overturn completely in only 20 minutes.

The report concludes that the rig was not sufficiently stable and that the possibility of one of its legs giving way had not even been considered.

The Norwegian report names Compagnie Française d'Entreprises as having done the detailed designs and having built the rig in Dunkirk in 1976. The company later changed its name to Compagnie Française d'Entreprises Metallurgiques.

The report says that some of the cracks, from which the accident originated, must have been in existence while the rig was being built.

Det Norske Veritas, the certifying agency, and the Norwegian Maritime Affairs Directorate are also criticized in the report for inadequate checks to spot cracks during construction and service. *Rules for checking and maintaining oil rigs should be tightened to ensure that in future similar cracks could be detected, the report says.*

Safety precautions are described as abysmal. Of the 212 men on board when the disaster occurred, only 76 had been given any special instructions. When the rig started to capsize, the release mechanism for its lifeboats failed to operate.

Rescue vessels took nearly an hour to arrive on the scene, far longer than envisaged in the rig's emergency plans. However, the report praises the international rescue effort which began after the rig capsized and singles out the RAF.

Publication of the report has been much delayed. It is understood that the three-man commission of inquiry headed by Judge Thor Naesheim had hoped to inspect the rig after it had been righted before submitting their findings to the Norwegian Justice Ministry. That had not been possible.

The commission's findings, of which a summary was published in an Oslo magazine yesterday, will be closely studied by British and Norwegian governments.

Last night, the British Department of Energy said that it had not yet received a copy of the report, which has a Norwegian and British summary. However, officials have carefully checked semi-submersibles working in the United Kingdom sector of the North Sea.

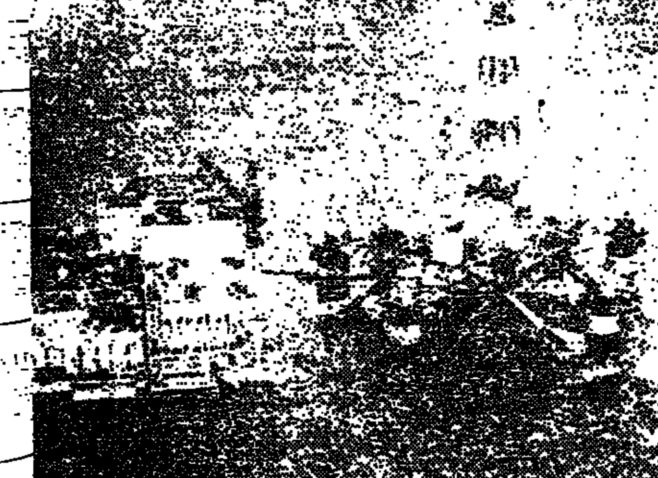
Compensation terms for the families of the disaster's victims were announced last year, but the future of the rig remains uncertain. At the time of the accident it was owned by Stavanger Drilling and was on hire to Phillips Petroleum.

In January this year the rig was declared a loss by its Norwegian insurers, who offered the owners about £25m in compensation. At the time, Lloyd's confirmed that about two-thirds of the loss value was covered by reinsurance in the London market.

A Phillips Petroleum spokesman said in London last night that the company could not comment until lawyers had studied an English translation of the report.

He added that Phillips was not solely responsible for safety on the rig, which was on charter to the company. It was crewed by Stavanger Drilling employees and contractors hired the workforce.

The rig's builders said in Dunkirk that they would make no comment until they had seen English transcripts of the report.



Alexander L. Kielland before last year's disaster.



President Reagan walks in the hospital room in the first photograph since the assassination attempt.

Ricochet may have saved President

From David Cross
Washington, April 3

Although President Reagan may be fit enough to leave hospital as early as next week, it is now clear that he escaped death on Monday by a much narrower margin than originally thought.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation announced last night that the bullet which punctured his lung during the shooting was probably of a type which is designed to explode and fragment on impact. But perhaps because the .22 bullet ricocheted off a car before striking Mr Reagan, it remained intact until it was removed.

In another indication that the President's life might have been in acute danger, Mr Reagan's doctors have admitted that he lost much more blood after he was shot than had at first been announced.

The President's medical advisers still insist that his life was never in imminent danger. However, other doctors believe that quick medical treatment probably saved him.

A hospital bulletin today said Mr Reagan had enjoyed a good night's sleep, but was suffering a "moderate" rise in temperature.

Dr Daniel Ruge, the President's physician, said the increase in temperature was "an occurrence which is considered common place at this stage (for such injuries and surgery)".

Later, after a brief meeting with the President at the hospital, Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State, said that everyone was "extremely heartened by the great progress" he was making.

It is believed that the bullet which passed through the brain of Mr James Brady, the President's press secretary, might have exploded immediately after entering his skull. Mr Brady remains critically ill.

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Transport union asks Mr Benn to think again on his challenge

By George Clark and Michael Hatfield

Mr Wedgwood Benn's shock tactics in standing for the deputy party leadership sent further waves of protest through the Labour movement last night with pleas for him to "think again".

The powerful Transport and General Workers' Union, which has more than 1.2 million votes at the party conference, yesterday endorsed the appeal of Mr Michael Foot, the Labour Leader, asking for Mr Benn to reconsider his decision.

News of the transport union's decision came via Mr Alexander Kitson, deputy general secretary, who is also this year's chairman of the Labour Party. He chaired a meeting of the union's finance and general purposes committee, in the absence of Mr Mostyn Evans, the general secretary, who is ill. (Report, page 2.)

Mr Kitson, a left winger, wrote to Mr Benn stating that he supported conference decisions and that they must be included in the manifesto, but "as a member of the national executive committee and chairman of the party, I see the most important and immediate task as being the fight against present Tory policies".

He added: "For this, we need unity in the party. I think your recent decision to stand for the deputy leadership will not contribute to a united party and, therefore, I appeal to you, as have the Leader, the vice-chairman (Dame Judith Hart) and others, to think again and to stand down".

Mr Kitson told Mr Benn that the committee "have today strongly endorsed Michael Foot's appeal to you believing that we must all now unite behind the present Labour leadership in a determined effort to overthrow the most reactionary Tory Government."

Mr Kitson signed the letter as deputy general secretary of the union, and not as chairman of the party, which may well have been a calculated decision to show the force of union as well as party feeling at Mr Benn's decision to stand and the threat to party unity. Mr Evans backs his union's appeal.

Mr Benn also came under fire from Mr Roy Hattersley, a Shadow Cabinet colleague, who said in a speech to Kendal Labour Party, that "since we must face a six-month campaign to unseat the deputy leader (Mr Denis Healey), the disputes will be highlighted and intensified".

Mr Hattersley, Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said: "Perhaps we must reconcile ourselves to the party being increasingly damaged between now and October, but in heaven's name let October [when the election will take place] be the time when the need for unity transcends personal ambition and ideological fanaticism".

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Inquiry on police chief ordered

From Ronald Kershaw
Leeds

Sir Philip Knights, Chief Constable of the West Midlands, has been called in to investigate "certain allegations" made against Mr Ronald Gregory, the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, and other unnamed senior officers.

It is understood, though not confirmed, that the move has been made after a complaint about the police investigation into the deaths for which Mr Peter William Sutcliffe has been charged with murder.

In a brief statement yesterday morning, Mr Gregory said he had not been given any information about the allegations or the names of the senior officers involved.

He said: "I cannot make any useful comment at this stage except to say that whenever an allegation, however speculative and from whatever source, is made against senior officers, it is normal for an officer from another force to look into the matters".

An equally brief statement issued on behalf of the West Yorkshire police authority, said the three members appointed to deal with urgent matters on behalf of the authority decided to call in Sir Philip.

The three appointed members of the West Yorkshire police committee, Mr Kenneth Davison, chairman; Mr Ronald Warren vice-chairman; and Mr Ronald Darrington, shadow chairman, had nothing to add to their written statement.

Action was taken in this manner rather than waiting for the next West Yorkshire police committee meeting, which will be delayed by county council elections until June 16.

The regular members of the police committee were unaware of the decision to hold an investigation until they received a copy of the statement yesterday morning.

Sir Thomas Hetherington, QC, the Director of Public Prosecution, who is handling Mr Sutcliffe's case for the prosecution, is aware of the investigation. Mr Kerry Macgill, Mr Sutcliffe's solicitor, said the complaint had not come from him.

Officers charged: Greater Manchester police said yesterday that, after an investigation by its complaints and discipline department, five police officers had been charged with serious offences (the Press Association reports). The five will appear before magistrates at Altrincham on May 18.

The V & A slides into a war of words

By Kenneth Gosling

Miss Helen Lowenthal, former head of the Victoria Albert Museum's education department, who led the protests over the proposal by Dr Roy Strong, the museum director, to close the art slide library, has been declared "persona non grata in perpetuity" by Dr Strong. He has also withdrawn the museum's support for the Attingham Summer School Trust, of which Miss Lowenthal is president.

Miss Lowenthal retired from the museum before Dr Strong became director in 1974 and has criticized its educational policies.

Miss Lowenthal said yesterday that the argument and the severing of relations had developed because of a letter she had written to *The Times* about the proposed closure of the slide library, which has since been kept going under the aegis of the Standing Commissions on Museums and Galleries.

The Attingham trust, cofounded 30 years ago by Miss Lowenthal, runs an annual summer school which is attended by museum staff and scholars from Britain and abroad. This year, the Victoria and Albert Museum declined to renew its previous support, although invited to do so by Mr A. M. Galliers-Pratt, the trust chairman.

Mrs Helena Hayward, the course director, estimated the museum would have wanted 15 places.

Dr Strong wrote to Mr Galliers-Pratt in February, saying: "What you suggest would have been perfectly possible; but unfortunately I notice your president is Miss Lowenthal. Her view of the directional policies of this museum manifest in her recent letter to *The Times*, and her appearance on television have rendered her persona non grata in perpetuity.

"You cannot expect me to lend my support to Attingham if it is so patently associated with people who decry the V & A.

Mrs Hayward said Miss Lowenthal had the full support of the trust.

In a statement, made in the absence of Dr Strong, the Victoria and Albert said: "Animosity at Attingham towards the V & A's educational programme is obscuring the wider issue.

"The organizers of the summer school will be unaware of the very few applications there were from museum staff last year. But, more importantly, that our educational fund-raising is now directed towards finding the large sums needed to finance postgraduate studies on our own two-year course in the decorative arts."

The statement ended: "In a period of recession when we are trying to raise non-government money for this important new course, it would be anomalous to continue to commit funds from private sponsorship for a course that attracted so few applicants from the museum last time."

Former MP dies

Mr William Owen, the former Labour MP for Morpeth, Northumberland, who was accused and acquitted in 1970 of selling secrets to Czechoslovakia, died last night, aged 80.

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'Pravda' tells Poland to beware

Moscow, April 3.—*Pravda* today emphasized the need for Polish communists to unify their ranks and reminded them that a battle for power was still going on despite the cancellation of last Tuesday's general strike.

A report from the Soviet newspaper's correspondent in Warsaw portrayed the cancellation of the strike as at best a temporary respite in the struggle between the independent trade union movement, Solidarity, and the authorities.

Pravda said it was clear to all sensible people in Poland that the situation was not just one of pressure on the authorities, but of a direct struggle for power by right-wing groups in Solidarity, directed against the party and the state.

The report from Warsaw was the second in the Communist Party daily in two days to imply that the threat from Solidarity and from Polish dissidents was being underestimated by the authorities.—Reuter.

Whitehall view: A statement from the Ministry of Defence said that it broadly agreed with the assessment of the American Defence Secretary that the Soviet Union had increased its capability to intervene in Poland in the past few days (Our Foreign Staff writes).

There are 19 Russian divisions in East Germany, five in Czechoslovakia and two in Poland and the statement said that although the ministry had no evidence of any decision taken by the Soviet Union to intervene, there was an increased state of readiness among these forces.

Nato vigil: A watch on the continuing Warsaw Pact troop activity will be kept at Nato's situation centre throughout the weekend, a senior Nato officer said in Brussels (Frederick Bonnart writes).

Although the Soyuz 81 manoeuvres were Command Post Exercises (CPX), and therefore did not include main combat units, a field command and communications structure has been put into place that could easily provide the essential framework for a powerful intervention force.

In a CPX brigade, division and army commanders move out into the field with their mobile headquarters and communications units, as well as the numerous support and supply headquarters; but leave behind their armour, artillery and infantry. The field headquarters are deployed and fully connected to each other as they would be in a war.

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Moonies can continue as a registered charity

By Craig Seton

The Moonies, or Unification Church, yesterday won an important part of its fight to keep its tax-free status, which a High Court jury said should be investigated, when the Charity Commission decided that the organization could continue to be a registered charity.

The commission examined the case at the end of a six-month trial early this week when the jury found that an article in the *Daily Mail* claiming that the cult broke up families and brainwashed converts was not libellous.

The jury recommended that the Moonies tax-free status should be investigated because it was a political organization; but the Charity Commission said the claims made against it were for the High Court or for legislation by Parliament.

After the High Court case, 139 MPs signed a Commons motion demanding an end to the charitable status of the Unification Church.

Mr Keith Stainton, Conservative MP for Sudbury and Woodbridge, said last night that the Charity Commission's decision "will cause deep upset to many people, not only those families who have suffered as a result of the activities of the Moonies, but also others who are concerned both with such activities and the correct use of charitable status".

Mr Stainton has tabled a Commons question to Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, urging him to under-

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Yugoslavs seal off Kosovo riot area

The Albanian region of Kosovo has been sealed off by the Yugoslav authorities determined to stop the nationalist riots. Two demonstrators are known to have died of gunshot wounds and two policemen have been injured by shots fired from the crowd Page 4

Pledge on Hongkong

Investors in Hongkong need not worry about the future of the colony, Mr Deng Xiaoping, Vice-Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party, told Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, in Peking. That applied even if there was "some change" before the lease on the new territories expired Page 5

Benefits to be taxed

The Finance Bill confirms that benefits paid to the unemployed and to strikers' families will be taxed from next April. But the earnings-related supplement paid with benefits will escape tax, along with children's allowances, housing costs and exceptional circumstances Page 2

Animal restrictions to be lifted tomorrow

Restrictions on animal movements on the British mainland will be lifted tomorrow unless there are further outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease. In the Isle of Wight the curbs will remain for another week. The cost to the Government of the 600 animals slaughtered in the past month will exceed £100,000 Page 3

Shipyard walkout

British Shipbuilders faces growing opposition to its plans for 600 compulsory redundancies. About 200 workers on Tyneside walked out in protest and there was a union demand that Mr Robert Atkinson, chairman of the state-owned group, should challenge the Government's monetarist policies or resign Page 19

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Trident system may cost an extra 10%

By Peter Hennessy

The cost of the Trident missile system intended as the new British nuclear deterrent may be more than a tenth higher than the £4,500m to £5,000m estimated by the Government, MPs have been told during a visit to Washington.

The Commons Select Committee on Defence has summoned senior Ministry of Defence officials to a private meeting at Westminster on Wednesday to comment on the MPs' information.

The MPs' concern arises from a Pentagon review of the United States Government's own plans for Trident which might oblige the United Kingdom to buy the larger, D5 version rather than the smaller C4 missile to which the British Government is committed.

The ministry's own rough estimate, which has not yet been passed to the select committee, is that a D5 purchase could raise the bill over a 15-year period by between £500m and £700m, an increase of more than a tenth.

Admiral Sir Henry Leach, First Sea Lord, who is chairman of the Trident steering group of civil servants, scientists, and serving officers, which is handling the procurement of the new deterrent, has sent a team to Washington for liaison with the Pentagon's Trident review body.

Sir Henry's group will need to advise Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Defence, probably during the summer, on whether to opt in principle for the C4 or the D5, even though the United States review of the weapon will not be completed until 1983.

If purchased by the Royal Navy, the D5 would require a more elaborate missile compartment placed inside a larger submarine than would the C4, hence the higher cost. British Shipbuilders will need to know the overall configuration of the submarine needed for the British Trident force by the end of this year if design work is to be completed in time for the first keels to be laid down in 1983, the present target date.

The C4 is adequate for Britain's needs and the ministry's dilemma rests on the fact that, should the United States alone opt for the D5, the advantages of a common support and supply system would be lost in the period from the mid-1990s to the 2020s.

With a thoroughgoing defence review under way in the ministry in an attempt to cope with severe pressure on the defence budget, an additional expenditure of £500m to £700m, even over a period of years, will be difficult to fund.

To keep its choices open, the Government may decide in the summer to construct larger, fatter submarines for the Royal Navy, capable of carrying the D5 which could also, if required, handle the C4 as well. Smaller missile tubes designed for the C4 could not, however, be enlarged at a later date to accommodate the D5.

The United States Navy has recently engaged in public criticism of the Electric Boat Company of Groton, Connecticut, for poor management and defective workmanship that have raised the cost and delayed the deployment of the huge 18,000-ton Ohio class submarines intended to carry Trident.

Apart from attacks by geese, survey enumerators meet no hostility

Elderly criticize census forms

By David Nicholson-Lord

Despite complications produced by foot-and-mouth disease, Vietnamese refugees, and the odd predatory goose, Census Day 1981, which will tomorrow provide a statistical "snapshot" of contemporary Britain, promises to be an altogether less controversial affair than its immediate predecessors.

With forms now delivered to Britain's 20 million households, ready to be filled in for collection early next week, the chief criticism has come from groups representing the elderly. Many old people, it is said, are finding the exercise worrying and confusing.

Mr Hugh Faulkner, director of Help The Aged, described the census form yesterday as an "awe-inspiring and somewhat frightening" document. He appealed for neighbours to help old people with the forms.

"One can explain to elderly people that if they read it and do not panic at the sight of it, they will be able to fill it in fairly easily. But I think the people who come to collect the forms are going to have to be very patient and understanding."

Mr Faulkner urged local authorities, churches, and voluntary groups to make a bigger effort to organize advice services at the next census. The elderly should have been given more warning that the form was to be delivered, perhaps in a leaflet with their pensions. The size of type on the form could also have been larger.

According to Camden Borough Council, in London, its biggest day centre for the elderly has been "swamped" with requests for advice. Nine out of ten elderly householders have sought help.

Mr Paul Knight, an assistant director of social services, said: "They were very anxious and rather put off by the size and scale of the form; but as soon as they gained confidence and got down to it, after talking to staff, they found it was not so difficult after all."

The Asian community is also providing census "surgeries" for householders today and tomorrow. Under the sponsorship of the Confederation of Indian Organizations, for example, volunteers in London will be manning two stations, in Harrow and Clapham, throughout the day.

One of the few echoes of the furore over confidentiality which so vexed the 1971 Census has come from the West Indian Standing Conference, which is to discuss the issue at a delegate meeting tomorrow.

Mr William Trant, its chairman, said many people were "terribly worried" that information on country of birth might fall into extremist hands, particularly in view of the insecurity among the black community after the latest references to repatriation by Mr Enoch Powell.

Elsewhere, the main worries have come in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, where census enumerators have had to do battle with foot-and-mouth restrictions, forbidding them from venturing on to farms.

A complex communication system has been developed involving bells at farm gates and probable "proxy" completion of censuses by telephone, but good relations with farmers are said to have been maintained.

Among the few gaps in the 1981 Census will be the Vietnamese "boat people", 3,000 of whom are scattered in reception camps throughout the country. A few of them, living in huts and doing their own cooking, may be treated as separate households, but most will be dealt with as members of communal establishments such as hotels, hospitals, prisons and army barracks.

Methods have also changed for recording the homeless. In the past, census supervisors relied on police counts, but estimates this time will be taken from charities.

The Office of Population Censuses and Surveys urged the nation yesterday to treat Census Day as a "team game" in which everyone had to play their part.

The army of 107,000 enumerators, the office added, had so far met little hostility, apart from two reports of attacks by geese in Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire. The office has made clear that the forms must be filled in. Failure to do so could make the offender liable to a fine up to £50.

Army to lose five generals in month

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

Five generals are prepa to retire in the Army's comprehensive turnover, senior officers for many y The timing of their goin said to be coincidence.

The five are: General Hugh Beach, aged 57, Ma General of the Ordna General Sir Timothy Cre aged 57, Commander-in-Chi United Kingdom Land Fo and previously GOC Nort Ireland: General Sir Ro Ford, aged 57, Adjutant ral: General Sir Pa Howard-Dobson, aged 59, Chief of the Defence Staff sonnel and Logistics); General Sir Jack Harman, 60, Nato's Deputy Sup Allied Commander in Euro

The first three generals the Army next week to b lowed by Sir Patrick Ho Dobson later this month by Sir Jack Harman early month.

The Army Board held a well dinner in honour of five last month at the Hospital, Chelsea, where Robert Ford is about to ta an enviable retirement jo the new governor.

Successors have already appointed for all five, w departure will effectively duce the number of generals in the Army from to seven because the jobs o Jack Harman and Sir Pa Howard-Dobson have gon RAF officers.

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Tax on benefits in 1982 confirmed

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

Benefits for the unemployed and strikers' families are to be taxed from April 6, 1982, the Finance Bill confirmed yesterday. It is expected that the measure will produce £200m extra revenue in a full year.

The benefits will not be taxed directly. Under regulations to be made later this year, the unemployed and strikers will not receive tax rebates, or have tax due on their benefits deducted until they return to work, or at the end of the tax year if that is sooner.

The measures fulfil pledges given in last year's Budget that national insurance unemployment benefits and supplementary benefits for strikers' families would be made subject to tax in the 1982-83 financial year. But taxation of sickness benefit, invalidity pensions, and other incapacity benefits has been delayed.

The earnings-related supplement paid with unemployment benefit will be exempt from tax, but that is due to be abolished in January, 1982. Only people who become eligible for the earnings-related supplement in the last weeks of this year will still be receiving it when unemployment benefit becomes taxable.

Allowances for children, housing costs, and exceptional circumstances will also be exempt from tax.

The standard rate of unemployment benefit, which will be £22.50 a week in April, 1982, plus the addition for a wife of £13.90, will be subject to tax. Strikers cannot claim supplementary benefit for themselves, but will be liable to tax on the £14.50 they can claim for wives.

The Child Poverty Action Group said last night that it did not oppose the taxation of benefits, but before it was introduced the deductions in inflation-proofing last year should be restored because they were said to be in lieu of tax. The tax threshold should also be raised and benefits improved first.

Cab drivers want 29% increase in fares

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent

London's 12,500 taxi drivers are seeking a fare rise of 29 per cent next month, despite a 25 per cent drop in traffic during the past two years.

They blame the rise in costs and the recession. The biggest rise in costs was directly attributable to the Budget which increased the price of diesel fuel by 20p to about £1.65 a gallon.

A spokesman said: "We are being hit by lack of money and lack of visitors just like London stores, and taxi firms are going out of business because fares are too slow to meet costs".

The rise is being sought from May 1 by the London Joint Cab Trade Committee, under a formula agreed with the Home Office after a Prices Commission inquiry in 1978. But as an alternative, they are seeking exemption from value-added tax and fuel tax which would mean a rise in fares of only 15 per cent. Fares went up by 25 per cent a year ago, and by 20 per cent in July, 1979.

The effect of the rise would be to raise the cost of a mile ride from 75p to more than £1, and of a six-mile ride from £3 to about £4.

An official study last year showed the average London taxi took £160 a week, with driver earnings of £60 to £90 for a 40-hour week. But many drivers work longer hours and earn more.

Hayward threat over SDP move

By Our Political Staff

Mr Ronald Hayward, general secretary of the Labour Party, has written to Mr Bernt Carlsson, general secretary of the Socialist International, to say that the Social Democrats would be opposed if they tried to affiliate to the International.

He said the breakaway group had approached "some of our sister parties" in the Socialist International, seeking support and saying they would eventually apply for affiliation.

"I want to make it crystal clear that this would be strongly opposed by the Labour Party", Mr Hayward wrote.

He said Labour MPs in the SDP were elected as Labour members. The Labour Party would be unwilling to belong to the Socialist International if the new party were admitted.

Union leader ill: Mr Mostyn Evans, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union was comfortable in Hemel Hempstead General Hospital last night after being admitted with a suspected perforated ulcer. Mr Evans's wife, Laura, called an ambulance late on Thursday after he complained of stomach pains.

Union opposition to Benn move

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

Growing trade union pressure on Mr Wedgwood Benn to reconsider his challenge for the Labour Party deputy leadership was significantly boosted by the Transport and General Workers' Union's key finance and general purposes committee yesterday.

The influential "inner Cabinet" of the union lined up with opponents of Mr Benn's candidacy with unexpected speed.

Although the decision could be overturned by the union's conference in June or face opposition from the union's delegation to the party conference, it was thought likely last night that it would determine the union's policy until October.

Mr Mostyn Evans, the union's general secretary, had made it clear publicly that he would be among several union leaders who are expected to press Mr Benn in person to reverse his decision to stand.

Mr Larry Smith, the union's executive officer, said last night that the decision had been unanimous. He added: "What we are saying to the party leadership is 'Please do not ask us to make a choice'".

Opposition to Mr Benn's candidacy last night appeared to range from some of his more obvious political opponents on the TUC General Council to some usually thought to lean towards the left.

A notable exception was the National Union of Public Employees, whose deputy general secretary, Mr Bernard Dix, publicly refrained from committing the union but said: "I do not know how those who have been shouting about democracy while resisting constitutional change can declare themselves 24 hours after the announcement and without having had any chance to consult their members."

In sharp contrast, however, Mr William Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, said last night that he deeply regretted Mr Benn's decision to stand. "One was looking for some healing of the party and for the whole party to be pulled towards the centre", he said.

UNION ATTITUDES

Support status quo	
TGWU	1,250,000
AUEW	850,000
GMWU	650,000
EETPU	260,000
UCW	187,000
NUR	180,000
Undeclared	
NUPE Left-leaning, no *stance adopted*	600,000
USDAW Gen Sec anti-Benn	429,000
NUM Exec probably for Healey	244,000
UCATT	200,000

Mr William Whatley, general secretary of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, said: "I will be trying to persuade my union's annual delegate meeting to vote for a candidate other than Mr Benn."

The union's conference agenda includes one resolution from Swansea, drafted before his announcement, proposing Mr Benn for the deputy leadership, but moderates were expecting it to be defeated at the conference.

Moves by the TGWU and USDAW into the moderate camp would virtually guarantee that Mr Benn could pick up little more than about one million of the 6,450,000 trade union votes at the party conference.

The engineering union's technical, administrative and supervisory section, with 95,000 votes, appeared last night to be the largest upon which Mr Benn can definitely count.

Unions, however, have yet to decide their policy in uncharted procedural territory.

Statement denied: Mr Robert Hughes, MP for Aberdeen, North, one of the 16 left-wing Labour MPs who signed Mr Benn's nomination, said yesterday that a statement in *The Times* that he was unhappy about Mr Benn's decision and was considering withdrawing was without foundation (our Political Staff write). The report referred to some of his colleagues' having indicated that that was his state of mind.

Unions hope airport will be disrupted

By David Felton
Labour Reporter

Civil Service unions have this weekend chosen Manchester airport as the target for disruption of passenger movements as part of their four-week programme of selective strikes. Immigration officers at the airport will operate only a skeleton staff today and tomorrow at peak periods.

Customs officers in Dover walked out on a five-hour strike last night which delayed lorries trying to get across the Channel.

It is thought that the nine unions are planning action next week which would affect government defence establishments and the secret communications network.

More than 50 workers in Inland Revenue collection offices were called out on strike yesterday to avoid the threat of suspension by the management for their refusal to handle work that would normally pass through the two strike-bound PAYE computer centres at Shipley, near Bradford, and Cumbernauld near Glasgow.

Operations at the Liverpool passport office will be disrupted from Monday when 50 workers strike, although the unions said last night that special dispensation had been given to a group of underprivileged children from Sheffield who would receive their passports

About five hundred staff at the Ministry of Defence accounts office in Bath walked out for half a day yesterday

Pay agreement: British Airways has reached agreement on an 8 per cent pay rise for 6,000 ground service staff, but shop stewards representing engineering and maintenance workers have rejected a similar offer.



The gold medallion given to Hereford by the 22nd Special Air Service Regiment to mark the granting of the freedom of the city to the regiment yesterday. It was made by a former sergeant in the SAS, and will be added to the mayor's chain.

Moonies' status is upheld

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take an immediate review of the activities of the Charity Commission. He said: "Perhaps Parliament will at last wake up to the need to review the whole legal background to charities and the surveillance of the activities of the Charity Commission."

In a long statement yesterday the Charity Commission explained why there were no proper grounds on which the Unification Church, through its two relevant registered organizations, should lose charitable status.

It said that the objects of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity and the Sun Myung Moon Foundation were exclusively charitable in law.

Even if engagement by either in political activities beyond what was permissible under the law were proved, and no evidence to that effect was before the Commissioners' attention, that in itself would not be a ground for deprivation of charitable status, or the removal from the register.

But, it said, the extent that the charity's funds had been spent on such activities might result in loss of tax exemption and, conceivably on proceedings by the Attorney General against the trustees for breach of trust. Primarily these were not matters for the Commissioners, the statement said.

The Unification Church said it was not surprised by the Charity Commission decision. There had been no evidence that it was a political organization. The decision would focus people's attention on its real work, basically evangelical and social work in the community.

PO productivity pact agreed after narrow vote

By Our Labour Staff

The leading postal union was split down the middle at a special conference yesterday which voted narrowly to accept a new national productivity scheme.

Although the conference of the Union of Communication Workers in Bournemouth which continues today, will discuss changes in the scheme, agreement in principle means that it will probably be implemented in most post office sorting operations around the country.

The Post Office has made it clear that the scheme, which has operated successfully on an experimental basis in 210 offices over the past year, was vital to its future. It hopes to save seven million man hours a year, but has promised that savings will be achieved mainly by natural wastage and early retirement.

Yesterday's vote was 59,570 to 58,120 in support of the union executive, which strongly recommended acceptance.

Train guard in court after April fool joke

Anthony Burr, aged 20, Tube train guard, of Maroon Street, Poplar, London, made up a human figure of old clothes and newspaper, sprinkled tomato juice on it to represent blood and threw it on the line as an April fool joke, magistrates at Tower Bridge Court were told yesterday.

Pleading guilty to obstructing the line, he was remanded on bail until April 24 for a social report.

Corruption trial man says he was 'set up'

From Richard Ford
Middlesbrough

A former detective sergeant in the Metropolitan Police denied yesterday that he had demanded money from a south London man in return for assistance with the man's criminal activities. He said he had thought he could manipulate or cultivate the criminal into becoming an informant, but had not known that the man had decided to "set him up" by tape-recording conversations.

Mr John Symonds, the former policeman, said: "Everything about me demanding £200 and telling him to go and do something and all the rest of the allegations is total, total nonsense."

He was making a statement from the dock at the beginning of his defence in the police corruption trial at Teesside Crown Court and several times had to be rebuked by Judge Stroyan, QC, for bringing in inadmissible evidence. He denies three charges of corruptly accepting a total of £150 from Mr Michael Perry, a former criminal, in payment for helping him over an arrest.

In his statement, Mr Symonds, who is conducting his own defence, said he was given information about Mr Perry and his associates who were disliked in the Camberwell area of south London because they were "too flashy" and attracted police attention.

Mr Perry was arrested in connexion with a skeleton key burglary at a store in Nuneaton, but he denied being involved.

Mr Symonds said it had been agreed to trick Mr Perry into believing that the police had his fingerprints, to tell him he was going to be charged and then take him to Nuneaton, lock him up, and "let him think on it".

The former policeman added that Mr Perry had told an informant he had to pay a bribe to get out. "If he did pay a bribe, I am suggesting it was not to a Metropolitan policeman."

He met Mr Perry with another man in October, 1969, when he wanted help over a car which was still at a police station: "There was certainly no conversation or demand for money from me on that occasion, and in fact on any occasion."

Earlier in outlining his defence, Mr Symonds accused Mr Julian Mounter and Mr Gareth Lloyd, two former reporters for *The Times*, of acting as agents provocateurs and of not being neutral observers. It was obvious, he said, that the reporters' notes were not contemporaneous.

He said that Mr Lloyd had previously been involved in inquiries into the police, but had been stopped and had become the subject of criticism by senior policemen.

The trial continues on Monday.

£62,500 aid to help save historic films

By Our Arts Reporter

A grant of £62,500 from the National Heritage Memorial Fund will help to save an important group of historic British films made between 1895 and 1930, including Alfred Hitchcock's 1930 film, Murder and a newsreel of the funeral of Queen Victoria.

The grant was announced yesterday by Mr Paul Channon, Minister for the Arts, when he opened the annual conference of the Association of Art Historians in London.

A British Film Institute official said it was necessary to carry out the work of copying the material by next April.

"We can only cope with half the expenditure from our annual budget and the remaining £125,000 has to come from outside sources.

BBC Symphony Orchestra to lose conductor

By Our Music Reporter

The BBC Symphony Orchestra is to lose its highly successful chief conductor, Gennadi Rozhdestvensky, because, it is understood, the Soviet Government will no longer allow him to keep the position.

Mr William Relton, the orchestra's general manager, told the players after a rehearsal at the Maida Vale studios yesterday that Mr Rozhdestvensky's contract would not be renewed on September 9.

He would be allowed to work with the orchestra in future but not in the position of chief conductor. His immediate conducting plans will not be affected. He will conduct the orchestra next month on a tour of the Far East, including China.

In brief

£25,000 appeal for opera visit

An appeal to companies and individuals in north west England to raise £25,000 to ensure that the Royal Opera will be able to visit Manchester next month was made yesterday by Mr James Bingham, chairman of Greater Manchester County Council.

The council had been expected to contribute at least £30,000 but the recreation and arts committee reduced the figure to £5,000.

Barnard libel damages against London firms

Professor Christiaan Barnard, the South African heart surgeon, yesterday accepted undisclosed damages in the High Court, London, in settlement of a libel action over a suggestion in a book, *Slaughter of the Innocent*, that he carried out operations without regard to the welfare of his patients. He sued the London publishers Futura Publications and printers, Hazell Watson and Viney.

Speedboat record bid

Britain's first attempt on the world water speed record since Donald Campbell's fatal attempt 13 years ago is to be made at Coniston Water, Cumbria in the autumn. Tony Fahey, of Manchester, will be aiming to improve on the speed of 317.77 mph set by Ken Warby, of Australia, last year.

Documents remand

Lavenia Mackenney, aged 25, unemployed, of Crutchley Road, Catford, south London, was charged yesterday at Lewisham with dishonestly handling stolen RAF documents. She was released on bail to appear before Greenwich magistrates on May 1.

Dockers end strike

Southampton's 1,700 dockers ended their strike over pay parity yesterday after hearing that all their demands had been met by the British Transport Docks Board. They will be paid for the 23 days they have been off work.

Bridal train

A railway engine is to be named after Lady Diana Spencer. Work has begun on making the name plates in the foundry of the British Rail engineering plant at Swindon, Wiltshire.

Rolls-Royce writ

Rolls-Royce has issued a writ against Mr John Dodd, of Epsom, Surrey, to stop him using its name and trade marks on a 200-mile-an-hour custom-built car.

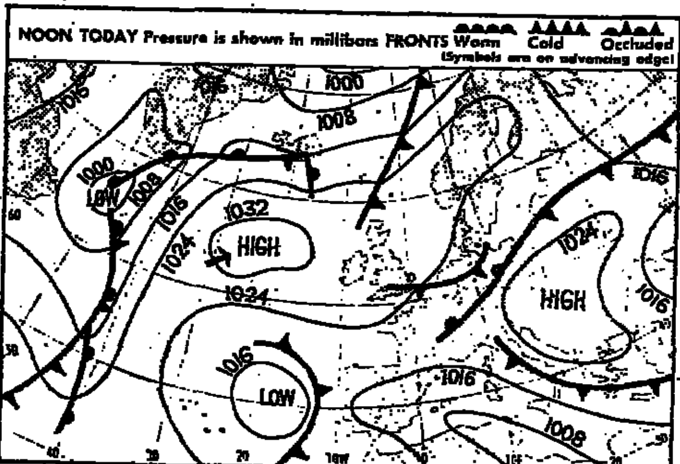
Reactor shut down

The Atomic Energy Authority's advanced gas-cooled reactor at Sellafield, Cumbria, was shut down yesterday after producing electricity for 18 years.

Fire at hospital

Patients and staff were evacuated yesterday when fire damaged a wing of Park Prewitt hospital, Basingstoke, Hants. An electrical fault was blamed.

Weather forecast and recordings



b—blue sky; bc—half clouded; c—cloudy; o—overcast; f—fog; d—dri[zzle]; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—sn[ow]; th—thunderstorm; p—showers; p[r]—periodical rain with snow. Wind [speed] in mph.

Today

Sun rises: 6.30 am — Sun sets: 7.39 pm
Moon sets: 6.48 am — Moon rises: 7.11 pm
New Moon: 9.19 pm.
Lighting up: 8.09 pm to 5.57 am.
High Water: London Bridge, 2.09 am, 7.1m; 2.38pm, 7.5m. Avonmouth, 7.52 am, 13.7m; 8.17 pm, 13.7m. Dover, 11.21 am, 6.6m; 11.45 pm, 6.8m. Hull, 6.53 am, 7.4m; 7 pm, 7.7m. Liverpool, 11.45 am, 9.7m.
1ft = 0.3048m — 1m = 2808ft

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 6.27 am — Sun sets: 7.40 pm
Moon sets: 7.14 am — Moon rises: 8.35 pm
First quarter: April 11.
Lighting up: 8.10 pm to 5.55 am.
High Water: London Bridge, 2.54 am, 7.4m; 3.22 pm, 7.7m. Avonmouth, 8.40 am, 14.2m; 9 pm, 14.1m. Dover, 12.05 pm, 6.8m. Hull, 7.32 am, 7.7m; 7.41 pm, 8.1m. Liverpool, 12.12 am, 9.6m; 12.30 pm, 10m.
1ft = 0.3048m — 1m = 3.2808ft

An anticyclone will persist over N areas.

Forecasts from 6 am to midnight:

London, central S, SW, central N England, Midlands: Dull and misty at first, dry, sunny intervals in places later; wind NE, moderate; max temp 10° to 12°C (50° to 54°F).

SE, E England, East Anglia, Channel Islands: Mostly cloudy and misty, a little drizzle in places; wind NE, moderate to fresh; max temp 7° to 9°C (45° to 48°F).

Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, N Ireland: Sunny periods in most parts by midday, fog persisting near some coasts, dry; wind variable, light; max temp 13° to 15°C (55° to 59°F).

NE England: Sunny intervals in most parts after a misty start, rather cloudy near coasts, dry; wind NE, light; max temp 10° to 12°C (50° to 54°F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll: Patchy fog, then sunny periods, dry; wind variable, light, rather warm; max temp 13° to 15°C (55° to 59°F).

NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, possibly light rain later; wind variable becoming SW later; max temp 11° to 12°C (52° to 54°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and M[onday]: Staying dry in most pla[ces], warm with sunny periods in W. Cloudier in E areas.

Sea passages: S North S[ea], Strait of Dover, English Ch[an]nel (E): Wind NE, moderate, [occasion]ally fresh; occasional drizzle; slight or moderate.

St George's Channel, Irish S[ea]: Wind variable, light, fair; smooth.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 7 a.m. t[o 7] p.m., 12°C (54°F); min 7 p.[m.] to 7 a.m., 7°C (45°F). Humid[ity] 7 p.m., 75 per cent. Rain, 24 hr [to] 7 p.m., nil. Sun, 24 hr to 7 p.[m.] 3.0 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 p.[m.] 1026.3 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Akrotiri	f	19	66	Cologne	c	12	54	London	f	10	50	Oslo	c	5	41
Algiers	c	14	57	Copenhgn	f	7	45	Luxembrg	c	10	50	Paris	c	12	54
Amsterdm	c	10	50	Florence	s	19	66	Madrid	c	15	59	Reykjavik	r	6	43
Athens	c	17	63	Funchal	c	18	64	Majorca	r	13	55	Rome	f	17	63
Barbados	f	30	86	Gibraltar	f	18	64	Malaga	f	19	66	Ronaldswy	s	9	48
Barcelona	c	15	59	Guernsey	c	9	48	Malta	s	21	70	Stockholm	s	11	52
Bermuda	s	19	66	Helsinki	f	6	43	Miami	f	28	82	Tel Aviv	f	19	66
Beirut	f	18	64	Innsbruck	s	17	63	Montreal	s	17	63	Toronto	f	21	70
Berlin	f	12	54	Istanbul	r	7	45	Moscow	c	9	48	Vancouver	s	8	46
Biarritz	c	15	59	Jersey	c	11	52	Munich	s	16	61	Venice	f	17	63
Brussels	c	10	50	L Palmas	c	19	66	Naples	c	17	63	Vienna	f	10	50
Budapest	s	10	50	Lisbon	c	14	57	New York	s	21	70	Warsaw	f	9	48
Chicago	s	17	63	Locarno	s	17	63	Nice	s	16	61	Zurich	c	14	57

Overseas selling prices

Austria Sch 20; Bahrain BD 0.6[illegible]; Belgium B frs 35; Canaries Pes [illegible]; Cyprus [illegible] mils; Denmark Dkr [illegible]; Dubai Dir 7.00; Finland Mkk 5; [illegible] Germany Dm [illegible]; [illegible] Holland Gl 2.75; Iran [illegible]; Iraq ID 0.500; Irish Republic [illegible]; Italy L 1,400; Jordan [illegible]; KD 0.450; Lebanon [illegible]; [illegible] Madeira Esc [illegible]; Norway [illegible]; Morocco Dir [illegible]; Pakistan [illegible]; Oman OR 0.700; Qatar QR [illegible]; Portugal Esc 50; Saudi Arabia SR 3.25; Singapore [illegible]; Spain Pes 100; Sweden Skr 5.00; Syria [illegible]; Switzerland S Frs [illegible]; Tunisia Din 450; US and Canada $1.50; UAE Dir 7.00; Yugoslavia Din 40.

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Airport charge to rise again despite court fi[ght]

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent

Airport charges at Heat[hrow] and Gatwick are to rise another 12 per cent in despite a court battle by foreign airlines against th[e] per cent rise imposed by British Airports Authority May.

The charge for a Jumbo 300 passengers at Heat[hrow] would go up by £357 to £ in the summer peak, and by to £736 in the winter. For airlines say the charges ar[e al]ready too high.

The Government has told authority to make a real re[turn] of 6 per cent and the incre[ases] are necessary to do that, authority says.

"We have a business to and this is based on actual in costs. We warned the airl[ines] throughout last year that would be seeking inflation 5 per cent this spring; in it is less."

Mr Walker 'crushes' opposition to deal on farm prices

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, scored a considerable personal victory in the Commons yesterday as he crushed criticism of the Brussels farm price agreement.

Support for the agreement came from the Liberals, the Official Unionists, and overwhelmingly from the Tory back benches.

There was bitter opposition from Labour, the Scottish National Party, Mr James Kilfadder, the sole Ulster Unionist in the House, and Mr Tony Marlow, Conservative MP for Northampton, North. Mr Marlow, who has unfriendly feelings, to put it mildly, towards the EEC, called on the minister to resign.

Mr Walker had little difficulty in dealing with Mr Gavin Strang on the Labour front bench who claimed that it was the worst farm prices settlement to have come out of Brussels and that it was sheer hypocrisy to say that important new economy measures were secured.

The minister replied that the overall effect of the price increases would be less than a quarter of 1 per cent on the retail price index and about 1 per cent on food prices over a full year. He added that under the last Labour Government food prices had gone up by 1 per cent every two weeks, although he generously accepted that the main reason for that was the Labour Government, rather than price settlements in Brussels.

Pointing out that farm incomes in the United Kingdom declined in real terms last year by 24 per cent, Mr Walker said it was likely that the input costs of farmers would rise this year by more than the £325m provided in the package. That indicated that in real terms there was likely to be a continuing fall in farmers' incomes.

As for the effect on the consumer, Mr Walker told the House that the beef and lamb premium schemes were continuing. They would directly benefit the British housewife by about £300m.

Beef prices would not rise as a result of the settlement, nor would there be increases in the price of bacon. The price increase for milk would have no effect on the liquid milk price in this country.

As for Mr Marlow, the minister showed no inclination to accept his suggestion that he should resign. Mr Marlow, he said, had begun sounding off before the Council of Ministers meeting had ended and had allowed his anti-Community enthusiasm to lead him into error.

The minister told the house that substantial adjustments in farm prices were necessary this year to avoid real falls in British agricultural production. If that had happened there would have been a considerable increase in imports.

Mr Strang remained unconvinced. The only rational explanation for the deal, he said, was that the Government decided to sacrifice the interests of the British people to help secure the reelection of the French President. The increase in the nation's food bill would bear most heavily on poor families who already spent a high proportion of their incomes on food.

Later, Mr Mark Hughes, from the Labour front bench, said he had been authorized by Mr Michael Foot to ask that business for next week should be rearranged to allow a debate on "this heroic capitulation" by the minister. Mr Walker replied that if that could be arranged he would be delighted.

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Foot and mouth curbs may be lifted

By Hugh Clayton
Agriculture Correspondent

Government curbs on movements of farm animals on the British mainland will be lifted on Sunday night if there are no further outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease. Restrictions in the Isle of Wight, where the first British outbreak for 13 years occurred last month, will remain for at least one more week.

Curbs in Jersey, which had its first outbreak since 1974 last month, will be lifted on Thursday. Some restrictions have already been eased.

More than 600 farm animals have been slaughtered in the past month in the British campaign to prevent the disease from spreading. Fewer than 20 of those were known to have the disease at the time of slaughter. The cost to the Government in compensation to owners will exceed £100,000.

Veterinary surgeons gave a warning yesterday of the urgent need to keep rabies out of Britain. The disease in France has now reached its closest approach to the Channel.

Mr Edward Chandler, president of the British Small Animals Veterinary Association, said: "We really want members of the public to rat on those people whom they think are smuggling animals."

Detail from Bellotto's "A view of Verona", which is being sold by the trustees of the Powis Castle estate, Powys.

Rival bids for view by Bellotto

By Frances Gibb

The National Trust and the National Gallery are competing for possession of one of the finest paintings in Wales, "A view of Verona" by Bernardo Bellotto, which is valued at about £700,000.

The painting has been offered for sale by its owners, the trustees of the Powis Castle estate, to settle capital transfer taxes and raise funds.

Neither the National Gallery nor the National Trust, both having made offers, has yet heard from the trustees of the castle estate and both are concerned, in the case of the National Gallery somewhat irritated, by the delay.

It is hoped by many in Wales that the picture will go to the National Trust, which owns the castle but not all of its contents. The National Gallery is keen to secure a work by Bellotto, nephew of Canaletto, because it has no example of his work.

The gallery has offered £300,000 from its purchase grant (a price that takes into account the tax exemptions granted on sales of works to national institutions). Sir Michael Levey, gallery director, said yesterday: "If we hear from the trustees we shall be delighted and if we do not, one has to be glad that a picture which could have left the United Kingdom is to remain here".

Sir Michael made it clear that he thought the National Gallery had as good a claim as Powis Castle and expressed concern about whether enough people would see the work if it was there.

"We have yet to discover that the artist has a Welsh parentage" he said. "I do not think the painting is any more part of the Welsh heritage than the English heritage; one has to remember it was not painted for the castle."

The work came on the market in the eighteenth century, he said, and had moved round since then, being shown for a period in London. It had been in the castle permanently for the past 100 years or so.

The National Gallery was the first to make an offer but about 10 days ago the trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, which helps preserve for the nation works that are part of the heritage, agreed to help the National Trust.

The heritage fund would provide a proportion of the necessary cash, its trustees said, if the National Trust was offered the work by the Powis estate trustees.

It is the first time that the fund's trustees have agreed to help buy a work not threatened with a sale abroad, and it is believed to be the most difficult decision they have yet had to make since the fund was set up last spring.

Student sent to jail for Jumbo jet bomb hoax

William Gray, aged 17, an American high school student, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment yesterday for starting a bomb scare on a Jumbo jet which had to make an emergency landing on Thursday night.

The Royal Jordanian Airlines Boeing 747, with 368 passengers and 14 crew was delayed for seven hours after making an unscheduled landing at Manchester Airport.

A scribbled note saying there was a bomb on board was handed to a stewardess and the captain of the aircraft, on its way from Amsterdam to New York, landed at Ringway.

Yesterday Mr Gray, of Litchell Road, Salem, Virginia, pleaded guilty to communicating information which he knew to be false contrary to the Crminal Law Act, 1977.

Mr John Coffey, the Manchester stipendiary magistrate told him: "Your offence is one of the most serious of its kind it is possible to imagine: 368 people and the crew of this aircraft were taken out of their way because you pretended that the plane was about to explode.

"It is difficult to imagine anything more calculated to terrify people in a week where we have heard of armed men holding a plane to ransom."

Mr Noel Williams, for the prosecution said that the captain had to jettison 4,000 gallons of fuel, worth £7,000. About sixty policemen spent three hours searching luggage and the aircraft.

At first Mr Gray denied writing the note, but later admitted it.

Mr Williams said: "The note was a hoax. According to the defendant it was issued in jest: but a considerable number of people were put to inconvenience."

Mr Robert Lizar, for the defence, said Mr Gray was in a party of students from the Church of God Christian School, Virginia, who had been touring the Middle East. Mr Gray and two others began to play a game which resulted in him writing the note.

The Prayer Book being killed by slow strangulation, Conservative MP says

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

One of the chief glories of England, *The Book of Common Prayer*, is being "murdered through slow strangulation", according to Lord Cranborne, Conservative MP for Dorset, South, who will seek leave in the Commons next Wednesday to introduce a Prayer Book (Protection) Bill.

In the Lords, on the same day, Lord Sudeley, a Conservative, will move the second reading of a similar Bill. Several bishops are expected to take part in the debate, including the Bishop of Durham, Dr J. S. Habgood, who was chairman of the working group of the Synod of the Church of England, which made the proposals for using the *Alternative Service Book 1981*, now strongly criticized in many parishes.

Lord Cranborne said in an explanation of his Bill published yesterday: "Its main provision is that *The Book of Common Prayer* should be used in each parish at least once a month if 20 of those on the electoral roll so petition the incumbent.

"The Bill thus seeks to eliminate many of today's abuses. There has been constant complaint from parishes that incumbants convert to the new liturgy without consultation, or that they pressurize the parochial church council into accepting innovations as 'experiments' which rapidly become permanent fixtures."

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Students to campaign against the cuts

From Paul Flather
of *The Times Higher Education Supplement*,
Blackpool

The National Union of Students is to launch a campaign involving work-ins rent strikes, and petitions to oppose government cuts that are expected to lead to hall closures and fee increases.

Mr David Aaronovitch, the president, yesterday told the union's national conference in Blackpool that such a campaign was the only way to force the Government to think again about its "short-sighted and irresponsible" strategy, outlined in the recent White Paper.

He accused Mr Rhodes Boyson, Under Secretary of State for Education and Science, of being involved in an exercise of social, economic, industrial, and educational asset-stripping.

McNee attack on the London militants

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

The campaign against the police after the recent fire in Deptford has been encouraged by militants who have caused racial trouble elsewhere in London in the past, Sir David McNee, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said last night.

Interviewed for London Weekend Television's *London Programme*, Sir David said: "I think if we look at what is happening in Deptford, and what has been happening, we would find there the same individuals that we get at Notting Hill, or wherever there is difficulty. They are also in Deptford motivating and urging the black community to confront the police."

But the majority of the black community were responsible, decent individuals who had taken the heat out of the situation themselves.

Talking in general terms about crime, Sir David said: "A lot of street crime is committed by black youngsters." However, he would not say it was a disproportionate amount

Asked about allegations of biased treatment of blacks by the police, Sir David said: "We do not want this kind of officer in our midst because he has got to appreciate . . . that we are policing a multiracial society".

He did not think police attitudes to public order had changed: but he suggested that the attitudes of militants had. "If you look at Lewisham or Southall, I think you find that the level of violence used by the militants . . . against the police was greater than anything I have seen in my 35 years of police service."

It was put to Sir David that many people feared that Mr Blair Peach, a schoolteacher who died in Southall in 1979, was killed by police. He said: "That is a very extravagant statement that could be true. I am not denying that; but the evidence was such that nothing came out in the investigation."

Computer in every school plan

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

A scheme to provide every secondary school in Britain with a micro-computer by the end of 1982 is to be launched by the Prime Minister on Monday, Mr Neil Macfarlane, Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced in the Commons yesterday.

The Government will pay up to half the cost of installing the first computer in each school; local authorities will be expected to provide matching funds.

Mr Macfarlane said about half the secondary schools already had micro-computers. He did not indicate how much money the Government would provide, but if successful the scheme could cost the Government between £250,000 and £500,000.

Mr Clive Sinclair, a leading producer of personal computers, welcomed the Government's initiative but regretted that his own company, Sinclair Research, had not been consulted.

His company would shortly be announcing an alternative scheme under which schools could install computers of equivalent performance to those available under the government scheme, but for less than half the net cost, he said. Each computer is expected to cost about £60.

Music fees: The Government yesterday denied reports suggesting that it was planning to introduce legislation to allow local authorities to charge fees for certain school lessons, such as music, and that it intended to replace the examination of pupils at 16-plus by assessments of pupils by teachers.

Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said the Government was pressing ahead with its decision to replace GCE O level and CSE examinations by a single system.

[T]hree remanded [o]n charges [o]f kidnapping

[Fr]om Our Correspondent
[H]untingdon

Three people arrested on [Th]ursday in connexion with the [al]leged kidnapping of Mark [..]ody, aged 16, a schoolboy, [of] Graveley, Cambridgeshire, [ap]peared before magistrates at [Hu]ntingdon yesterday.

Mary Evelyn Berry, aged 48, [a] pupil nurse and former secre[tar]y to the youth's father, Ray[mo]nd Berry, her husband, aged [..], a builder's labourer, both of [..]ks End Road, Kempston, [Bed]fordshire, and Robert Den[..], aged 26, an unemployed [stu]dent male nurse, of Hill [Cre]st, Prudhoe, Northumber[lan]d, were remanded in custody [for] one week.

[T]hey were accused of kid[nap]ping the youth, imprison[ing] him against his will, [dru]gging him with Tranxene, [and] demanding with menaces [..],000 from his father. [Rep]orting restrictions were not [lift]ed. The three will appear [aga]in next Friday at St Neots [Mag]istrates' Court.

Man cleared of coffin theft at crematorium

From Our Correspondent
York

A crematorium attendant was acquitted yesterday of stealing a coffin after a funeral service. Charles Fox, aged 60, of Main Street, Bishopthorpe, York, had claimed throughout the trial at York Crown Court that the family had either mistaken a leaf sweeper for their grandfather's body or were so brief-stricken that they imagined everything.

The Rev John Hall, Vicar of St Chad's, York, told the court: "I have witnessed mourners who believe they have seen the shrouded bodies of relatives after they have been buried or cremated".

The police investigation began when Mark Durrans, aged 17, and his mother, Mrs June Durrans, of Lepton, near Huddersfield, claimed they had seen the body of his grandfather on a trolley after the service. There was no sign of the coffin.

[M]illions of visitors ready to sample the [s]plendours of English country gardens

Life and leisure

Cyril Bainbridge

[Pr]oud possessors of beautiful [gard]ens have throughout his[tory] been eager to share the [splen]dours of their shrubberies [and] lawns with others. Show[ing] off magnificent gardens to [visit]ors has always been as [much] a satisfying British trait [as w]andering around and ad[mirin]g the horticultural [achie]vements of others.

[Th]e visiting season is about [to st]art. There are more than [..] gardens in England and [Wale]s open to the public every [year] and a separate scheme [oper]ates in Scotland. In the [comin]g months it is estimated [that] 7,500,000 people alone will [spen]d some of their leisure [time] visiting gardens in Eng[land].

[In] a world full of stress, a [garde]n can be a more effective [tranq]uillizer than any pill", [says] Mr Michael Montague, [chair]man of the English Tour[ist B]oard. "Gardens take us [away] from this nasty world [and n]ature takes over."

[Pub]lic gardens have been a [popul]ar form of entertainment [for s]everal centuries, particu[larly] the large London pleasure [garde]ns of the early nineteenth [centu]ry, the format of which [was c]opied by many thriving [provin]cial cities. They were the nursery of Sunday band concerts, against which Edward Baines, a Leeds MP once campaigned, believing that the martial music would cause pulses to pound and imaginations to fire with a consequent danger of civil disobedience.

The private and semi-private gardens that are open to the public vary in styles and in the opportunities to visit them. Some are rarely closed; others, like the Queen's Gardens at Frogmore, Berkshire, are open on only one or two days a year —this year on May 6 and 7. Another royal garden, Barnwell Manor in Northamptonshire, home of the Duke of Gloucester, has an open day on April 26.

Distinctive features that illustrate the various influences on garden makers are still often to be seen: for instance, the seventeenth-century French and Italian styles of formal garden, with radiating avenues of neatly clipped trees; the natural gardens with fanciful buildings of the eighteenth century; the new plant species introduced last century; and the present liking for special gardens.

Historic houses and National Trust properties are particularly noted for their gardens, but many of the nation's finest examples remain in private ownership.

Some are open regularly but hundreds of others only occasionally, in aid of charity. More than 1,250 garden gates are opened in aid of the National Garden Scheme, which helps retired and needy district nurses.

Useful guides to gardens that are open include:

Visit an English Garden (English Tourist Board, Dept 4, Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1; 55p);
Gardens Open to the Public in England and Wales (National Gardens Scheme, 57 Lower Belgrave Street, London SW1; 70p, and 25p postage);
Gardens to Visit (Gardeners' Sunday, White Witches, Claygate Road, Dorking, Surrey; 50p, post free);
Properties Open in 1981 (National Trust, 42 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1; 30p, and 20p postage);
Scotland's Gardens Scheme (26 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1; 85p, post free).

Albanian nationalists use pupils as riot shield in Pristina

From Dessa Trevisan
Belgrade, April 3

Yugoslavia's Albanian autonomous region of Kosovo has been sealed off after the authorities last night proclaimed a full-scale state of emergency.

The nationalist disturbances, which erupted in Pristina, the capital of the region, on Wednesday, continued yesterday claiming the lives of two demonstrators. Two policemen were seriously wounded by shots fired from among the demonstrators whose ranks swelled to more than 20,000, when miners from the nearby coal mine and workers from the electric power station in the neighbouring town of Obilic joined nationalist students.

The demonstrators were well organized. Many carried their children on their shoulders and used schoolchildren as a shield, as they marched through the town to the prison, where some 21 students who took part in last week's riots are detained.

Others tried to force their way into the hospital where several dozen people injured in last week's demonstration are being treated, but Army units in armoured cars barred their way. The angry mob then overturned cars and set them on fire.

Throughout yesterday riot police were patrolling the streets and taking up positions on approaches to the region's capital, as well as to three neighbouring towns, which were declared off limits.

Foreign journalists, who arrived in Pristina last night, were kept in their hotels overnight and escorted out of the region this morning after being told that their safety could not be guaranteed.

Today, Kosovo is apparently calm. However, the authorities are apprehensive about tomorrow, when the two demonstrators, killed by gun shots, are to be buried.

The authorities insist that the shots could not have been fired by the police as they were under order to use anything but firearms to control the crowds.

There is no concealing the fact that the situation is extremely grave, and that whoever is behind the riots it is to all intents and purposes a revolt of the Albanians in the region, and also a challenge not only to Yugoslavia's constitutional order, but to Kosovo's future existence within the present borders.

This is what must have prompted the authorities to act with demonstrative determination and bring in the Army. In the face of the threat to Yugoslavia's territorial integrity, the authorities have decided to mobilize the population.

Yugoslav officials, who speak quite frankly about the gravity of the situation in Kosovo, are suggesting that there is a hard core of a few hundred people, mainly students and teachers, who had planned the troubles by starting a protest about students' living conditions. This they gradually built up into a demonstration of nationalist flavour.

This apparent hard-core of protesters is ideologically close to the Marxist-Leninist dogma preached by Tirana. National identification with the Albanians across the border is something that appeals to all, including those Albanians of Kosovo who may not like the doctrinaire communism of Albania.

The situation is further aggravated by Yugoslavia's economic problems. The demand for a fully-fledged Albanian republic within Yugoslavia would give the Albanians also the right of secession. Such constitutional changes if introduced might trigger a chain-reaction.

Secret agent describes the saving of a President

Washington, April 3.—Mr Jerry Parr, the American Secret Service agent who pushed President Reagan into his armour-plated limousine after Monday's assassination attempt, received a lengthy ovation today after describing the incident to a Senate committee.

Mr Parr said he did not believe that the President's bodyguards could have acted differently or could be faulted.

"I heard the gunfire and immediately moved the President left, down and forward into the car", he said. "It was an instinctive reaction. I reacted to the sound. Basically, we seek the safest place. For me, it was behind the door and into the car."

Asked how Mr Timothy McCarthy, another agent, had the courage to face the President's assailant and, as a result, receive a bullet in the stomach, Mr Parr had a simple explanation.

"Secret Service agents are trained to shield the President with their bodies, he said.

He said that Mr Reagan at first joked about their dive into the limousine, but once the President was able to sit up he mentioned a pain in his left side.

"In a space no longer than 10 or 15 seconds, he complained of a problem of breathing", Mr Parr said. "He was getting a bit ashen in colour and then he started coughing up a little blood."

The agent said that he realized that the "blood was coming from the lung. I told the driver to head for George Washington University Hospital."

Mr Parr said that he and other agents "took him by the arm and walked him" into the hospital because there was no stretcher immediately available.—Agence France-Presse.

Secretary of State appeared 'quavering, sweating, straining, and as a man on the edge of panic'

Series of blunders and the knives are out for Mr Haig

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, April 3

Time magazine put Mr Alexander Haig's photograph on its cover on March 9. It showed him striking an aggressive pose with the caption "The 'Vicar' takes charge". *Newsweek* magazine put him on its cover on March 30, looking worried, with the heading "Who's in charge here?".

Mr Haig's authority had dropped drastically in the interval, and dropped still further on Monday when he appeared to lose control of himself after the President was shot.

The *Time* story began: "The meeting in the Oval Office was private, but after it ended White House aides invited photographers to snap pictures of Ronald Reagan and his Secretary of State. Explained one staffer: 'We need to show that the Secretary has access to Reagan'. Replied another: 'You've got it wrong. We need to show that the President has access to Al Haig'."

Then Mr Haig was involved in a dispute with the President over the appointment of Mr George Bush, the Vice-President, as chairman of a crisis management committee. Mr Haig wanted the job, said so in public and was publicly snubbed by Mr Reagan.

As *Newsweek* put it: "Haig was the victim of a self-inflicted wound that diminished his aura as Secretary and reflected unflatteringly on his judgment and his calm under pressure."

It is clearly a serious misfortune for the President that the man he had chosen to direct American foreign policy should suffer so sudden a loss of authority.

In previous administrations, there was often a serious contention for the post of "vicar" for foreign policy and Mr Reagan hoped to avoid any such difficulty in his own term by choosing a man of known competence and great authority as Secretary of State and appointing as National Security Adviser a man who seemed unlikely to be able to challenge Mr Haig.

The damage last Monday was so clear that the most senior members of Mr Reagan's staff, notably Mr James Baker, his Chief of Staff, went to great lengths this week to affirm their and the President's complete confidence in Mr Haig, and their appreciation of his conduct in the crisis.

Now Mr Haig has left for the Middle East and Europe, and in his absence his enemies will have every opportunity to draw the President's and the public's attention to his failings.

In a column in the *New York Times* yesterday Mr William Safire wrote of Monday's events: "The only top official to choke up was the Secretary of State . . . he created a problem by insisting on solving a problem that was not acute

The columnist continued: "He then charged upstairs to go on television and do just the opposite of calming the nation. His voice was quavering, as a stress test would show; he was sweating, straining to keep calm, a man apparently on the edge of panic.

"White House aides, who last week were wondering if Haig's power lust had earned him a ticket back to private life, are this week trying to shore up his reputation."

With the President's support, such troubles were of no consequence. Now, at the very least, he has lost the confidence of some of Mr Reagan's closest associates. On Monday, for instance, there was a dispute between the Secretaries of State and Defence over the chain of command. The President had directed that if necessary the Vice-President and then the Secretary of Defence would take control.

With the President in hospital and the Vice-President in Texas, Mr Haig announced that he was in charge after the shootin[g]. The Secretary of Defence pr[o]tested, but was told, it is sai[d] by Mr Haig: "Look, you bett[er] go home and read your consi[tu]tution, buddy, that's the way [it] is."

The dispute did not last lon[g]. There was no crisis that r[e]quired one or the other man [to] assume power, the Vice-Pre[si]dent returned to Washingt[on] and it became apparent that t[he] President would soon recov[er].

However, the damage do[ne] remains to be assessed. [Mr] Haig's position depends up[on] the President, and Mr Reag[an] will probably wait until he [is] out of hospital, before assessi[ng] Mr Haig's future.

There is, however, a histori[c] precedent. When Preside[nt] Wilson had a stroke, Rob[ert] Lancing, his Secretary of Sta[te] several times summoned C[ab]inet meetings without [the] President's authority. Wh[en] Wilson learnt of this, he d[is]missed him.

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Middle East policy shift is demanded by Jews

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, April 3

How will the estimated 300,000 French Jews of voting age cast their ballots on April 26 and May 10? The question is not without importance if, as the polls all show, the outcome turns on a few hundred thousand votes.

Baron Alain de Rothschild, the president of the Conseil Représentatif des Institutions Juives (Crif), said yesterday that there was no "Jewish vote" as such and contested the existence of a Jewish lobby, after the American pattern, contrary to the Renouveau Juif, a more radical and activist organization which is not part of the Crif.



French Presidential Election

A year ago Renouveau Juif launched a Jewish boycott of the polls in order to punish the Government for its pro-Palestinian policy. There were great demonstrations in Paris, supported by politicians and intellectuals, with the slogan "12 hours for Israel".

The Renouveau Juif, led by a young and dynamic lawyer, Maitre Henri Hajdenberg, openly contests the authority of the Crif to speak for the Jewish community in France.

But the denial of the existence of a "Jewish vote" or a Jewish lobby does not imply approval of the Government's pro-Arab policy.

Yesterday, the 43 organizations which are part of the Crif issued a declaration severely criticizing the Government's foreign policy.

It states that France "must support unequivocally the peace gains achieved in the Middle East thanks to the Camp David agreements, and cause a negotiated solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict to prevail.

"Our place is in the camp of peace and not on the side of the Palestine Liberation Organization which France encourages far too often through its initiatives and its votes in international gatherings."

The document condemns the representation of the PLO on French soil, and the sale of nuclear equipment to Iraq, which could lead to its development of a nuclear weapon.

It demands a break with existing policy towards Israel and the Middle East in favour of a "more lucid, more equitable, and more effective" one. Any other policy will meet with the resolute opposition of the organized Jewish community, it says.

Five months after the bomb attack against the Jewish synagogue in the rue Copernic in Paris, which the police believe increasingly to have been the work of Palestinian terrorists, the Jewish community is receiving special attention from each of the four main parties.

The Socialists have the biggest capital of sympathy among French Jews.

The Communists claim that they are second to none in their struggle against racialism.

The Gaullists claim no one has done more for Jewish organizations than M Jacques Chirac.

Beirut moves to avert threat of partition

From Tewfik Mishlawi
Beirut, April 3

As fighting continued in Beirut and the besieged Christian-populated town of Zahle, 30 miles to the east, President Elias Sarkis and his Government today moved to avert a crisis that could lead to the partition of Lebanon between the Christian and Muslim halves of the population.

They urgently contacted President Hafez al-Assad of Syria, who has had about 22,000 Syrian troops on a peace-keeping mission in Lebanon since the civil war of 1975-76.

Generally known as the Arab Deterrent Force (ADF), Syrian forces entered Lebanon originally by authorization from the Arab League to support the Christian-dominated authorities against the Lebanese Muslim and predominantly leftist forces, who were backed by the Palestinian guerrilla movement.

During the past five years, the Syrians have joined an alliance with their former opponents (the Lebanese leftists and Palestinians), and consequently have become unwanted by the Lebanese Christian right-wing coalition known as the Lebanese Front.

At an emergency meeting between the Front leaders and Christian members of the Government yesterday it was agreed to urge the President and the Cabinet to remove all ADF troops (mainly Syrian and Palestinian) from the Muslim side of the "green line" dividing Beirut into Muslim and Christian sectors and deploy Lebanese regular Army units in their place.

In the meantime, clashes continued across the demarcation line between East and West Beirut, and around Zahle. The total casualty figures in the past two days rose to 70 killed and more than 350 wounded.

The siege of Zahle was lifted for several hours today to allow rescue and medical teams to enter the city, which has been without water and electricity since the fighting started. Food supplies are reported to be running out.

In the troubled region of southern Lebanon Israeli seaborne commandos raided an area just north of the port city of Sidon early today and clashed with a Palestinian guerrilla patrol on the highway, killing three and wounding five others.

No Israeli intervention: Israel today strongly condemned the Syrian and Palestinian bombardment of Beirut and Zahle and the killing of civilian Christians but indicated it would not intervene at present.

South Lebanese allies of Israel protested today in a demonstration at the border gate near Metullah that the Israelis were going back on a commitment. Mr Menachem Begin, the Prime Minister, had earlier pledged that Israel would not stand by while a minority across the border was threatened with genocide.

This week, however, officials talked in terms of a commitment only to neighbours just across the border.

US to sell Saudis four advanced warning planes

Washington, April 3.—The Reagan Administration has decided to sell four highly sophisticated Advanced Warning and Command System aircraft, known as Awacs, to Saudi Arabia for use by its Air Force, according to Pentagon and White House sources.

The Administration plans to present the sale to Congress shortly, together with the proposal to sell the Saudis equipment for increasing the capabilities of the F15 fighters they are getting from the United States. The proposal will be opposed by the strong pro-Israel lobby in Congress.

Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State is expected to inform the Saudi Government of the decision during his Middle East tour, which starts tonight. In the meantime, Prince Fahd Ibn Abdallah, the head of the Saudi Air Force operations, is in Washington to negotiate the final details of the agreement.

Four Awacs were sent to Saudi Arabia last September, shortly after the start of the war between Iran and Iraq. They are still based there.

The electronic and radar equipment in the Awacs aircraft enables their crews to identify low-altitude flying targets from a distance of 350 to 400 miles. They can detect ground forces movements almost in the same range and their crews are fully equipped to direct and control combined air-to-air or air-to-ground operations.—Washington Star.

Ottawa MPs in constitution truce

From John Best
Ottawa, April 3

A two-day ceasefire has been declared in the parliamentary battle over Canada's constitution. But the conflict is far from over.

Mr Joe Clark, leader of the Conservative opposition in the Commons, announced last night that Tory MPs had agreed to call off their blockade of House business, which had gone on for nearly two weeks.

The truce was decided on at a special party caucus, to allow the Commons to push through an urgent Bill authorizing $14,000m (£5,148m) in government borrowing.

However, after the ceasefire ends on Monday night the Tories presumably will resume the stalling tactics—endless points of order and questions of privilege—they have been using to prevent the Liberal government from proceeding with a motion that would cut off debate on the constitution.

The Tories have been encouraged by a judgment of the Newfoundland Court of Appeal earlier this week, which said the Federal Government's plan to bring home the constitution from Britain was invalid because it does not have broad provincial concurrence. Only two of Canada's 10 provinces support the measure.

Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Prime Minister, has retreated from his long-held position that the measures should be passed and then forwarded to Westminster for approval before the Supreme Court of Canada pronounces final judgment on it.

Yesterday, in an extraordinary negotiating exchange on the floor of the Commons, and which was eventually cut short by Mrs Jeanne Sauve, the Speaker, Mr Trudeau went further and offered to postpone final Commons approval if the Tories allowed certain amendments to pass so that a complete package could be referred to the Supreme Court.

Mr Clark rejected the offer, insisting that the Liberals shelve the measure until the High Tribunal had spoken. The court is scheduled to hear arguments on April 28.

In another arena, equally crucial to the outcome of the battle, the eight dissenting provinces were reported today to be nearing agreement on an alternative to Mr Trudeau's plan.

Mr René Lévesque, the Parti Québécois (PQ) premier of Quebec, said premiers of the eight had agreed to meet on April 16 three days after the Quebec provincial election, to reach a final agreement.

Another report today said Mr Trudeau would resume negotiations with the provinces if the Liberals defeat the PQ in the Quebec election. The report was discounted by the Prime Minister's office.

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Prince of Wheels: New Zealanders have given the Prince of Wales plenty of advice about how to stay on a horse; but he had the last laugh when he borrowed a child's bicycle to ride round an obstacle course in Auckland. He did not fall off. In a visit to the Devonport Naval Base a group of Navy men gave him a plaque with a gold-plated miniature ball and chain attached to a foot, to remind him of the traditional naval view that marriage is folly. It was the fourth day of his visit.

Soviet offer to Athens on nuclear arms

From Mario Modiano
Athens, April 3

President Brezhnev has offered Greece immunity from a Soviet nuclear attack in exchange for an undertaking by Greece not to store nuclear weapons on its territory.

The offer was made during an interview that Mr Brezhnev gave this week to the editor of the Athens daily newspaper *Nea*. The text was published here today.

Mr Brezhnev said: "The Soviet Union repeatedly declared that it will never use nuclear weapons against those countries that refuse to build or acquire nuclear arms.

Asked if that declaration could be converted into concrete Soviet guarantees towards such countries as Greece, for instance, the Soviet President replied: "We are ready to go one step further and sign, at any time, a special agreement with any non-nuclear country.

Recent leaks from Washington have confirmed that nuclear warheads have been deployed in Greece.

Belize talks go ahead despite riots

By Our Diplomatic Staff

A constitutional conference on Belize is due to open in London on Monday in spite of the state of emergency that has been instituted in the colony after almost a week of rioting.

A Foreign and Commonwealth Office spokesman said yesterday that the conference was taking place at the request of the Belize Government. Mr Nicholas Ridley, Minister of State, will preside over the meeting at Marlborough House.

Emergency regulations imposing a curfew and banning public meetings and the carrying of firearms, were introduced in Belize on Thursday by Mr James Hennessey, the Governor, on the advice of the local security authorities and after consultations with Mr George Price, the Prime Minister.

The regulations were imposed after several days of street rioting and unconfirmed reports of shooting incidents. Public employees throughout the colony have been on strike since the beginning of the week, apparently to protest at the tentative agreement reached between Britain and Guatemala.

The opposition United Democratic Party in Belize has opposed the agreement, which would give Guatemala various rights of access in exchange for dropping its total claim.

The 1,500 British troops stationed in Belize have not been called out to deal with the disturbances in the colony.

Participants in the constitutional conference are expected to arrive in London tomorrow. The Foreign Office is hoping the Belize Government, the opposition and the Governor will attend.

Policeman killed: A policeman was killed when his gun accidentally went off during a riot on Wednesday, and it is believed three other people were killed and several more injured during the rioting this week (AP reports from Belize City).

The Belize Government has agreed to a referendum on the proposed treaty, which would give Guatemala access to the Caribbean through Belize waters, but wants to wait until final details are settled.

State Department believes crisis i[n] Poland is still very serious

From David Cross
Washington, April 3

While the Administration here continues to watch the situation in and around Poland with apprehension, Mr Mieczyslaw Jagielski, the Polish Deputy Prime Minister, today concluded his search in Washington for economic aid.

During two days of talks with members of the Administration, including Mr George Bush, the Vice-President, the Polish leader was told that the United States would provide his Government with surplus dairy products worth $70m (£30m) at cut-rate prices. The butter and dried milk is designed to help Poland overcome its dire food shortages.

Senator Howard Baker, the Republican leader of the Upper House, told reporters today that the State Department believed that the Polish crisis was still very serious and that the prospect for a peaceful outcome was clouded.

After a meeting with Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State, Senator Baker said the Administration was concerned about "the apparent growth" in Russian troops around Poland.

The senator's remarks confirmed the thrust of yesterday's statement by Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, that the possibility of Soviet military intervention in Poland had increased in the last 24 to 48 hours. Mr Weinberger, who was speaking to the Senate budget committee, said that the situation had worsened this week and was "very serious" now.

According to well-informed officials, several factors have caused the Administration here particular concern since the agreement earlier this week by Polish workers to call off their threatened nationwide strike.

First, military exercises by Warsaw Pact troops in and around Poland have not died down as expected when last weekend's crisis was defused.

Second, the Soviet propaganda machine in Moscow has now for the first time begun to criticize members of the Polish Communist Party itself rather than those not directly involved in the running of the country. A similar pattern of propaganda attacks emerged before the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia.

Finally, the Pentagon has information which indicates that everything is now ready for the Russians to move into Poland at the drop of a hat if they so require.

However, the general vi[ew] here is that no political de[ci]sion has yet been taken [in] Moscow to suppress the Pol[ish] workers.

In Washington today [Mr] Jagielski was meeting offici[als] from the Treasury and Agric[ul]ture Department as well [as] members of Congress.

No interference: Herr Ha[ns-]Dietrich Genscher, the W[est] German Foreign Minister, sa[id] in Moscow today that non-int[er]ference in Poland's inter[nal] affairs was the best way to h[elp] that country overcome its p[re]sent crisis (Reuter reports fr[om] Moscow).

Herr Genscher, who had [...] hours of discussions with [Mr] Andrei Gromyko, the Sov[iet] Foreign Minister, told [a] luncheon meeting that W[est] Germany was following a pol[icy] of strict non-interference. [He] defended West German fin[an]cial aid to Poland

Turning to the question [of] limiting medium-range nucle[ar] missiles in Europe, he said N[...] was worried by what he call[ed] Soviet superiority in su[ch] weapons.

In Bonn, Herr Schmidt, t[he] Chancellor, was quoted today [as] saying he saw no threat em[er]ging at present from t[he] Warsaw Pact manoeuvres.

Poles tell banks they cannot pay debts

By Michael Prest

Poland has told Western banks that it will not be able to meet payments on its loans due in the second quarter of this year, a leading German banker said yesterday. As a result, Poland may only pay $5,700m (£2,500m) to banks and governments in 1981, instead of about $7,500m.

At the same time senior bankers in London have confirmed hints dropped last Wednesday by Polish bankers that their country is interested in rejoining the International Monetary Fund. But Poland has not yet formally approached the IMF.

Mr Christoph von der Decken, a member of the management board of Dresdner Bank, one of Germany's biggest financial institutions, said yesterday that his and other German banks had been informed by the Poles that about $1,900m in capital repayments due between now and June could not be met.

He added that the remaining two thirds of this year debt would have to be rescheduled. The notice given by Poland explains why bankers were reported on Thursday to be considering a plan whereby Poland would be granted a moratorium on interest payments up to the end of April.

The alternative was to grant the $1,000m bridging loan which Poland had requested. But banks are very reluctant in Poland's troubled economic and political circumstances to grant fresh loans.

Poland owes some 460 western banks in 13 countries, as well as a number of governments and their export credit agencies, a total of about $24,000m. This is divided roughly equally between the banks and the governments. Poland has advanced a plan which requires some $10,000m in foreign exchange this year.

While bankers are not surprised that Poland should be interested in rejoining the IMF, they point out that negotiations would take a long time. Poland was a member of the IMF until it left at the behest of Stalin in 1950.

In the immediate future, however, the urgent need is to reach agreement on rescheduling the payments due this year. The task force of 20 leading Western banks was due to meet the Bank Handlowy, Poland's foreign trade bank, on April 8, but the meeting has now been postponed to April 15

The intention is that discussions over the debt to the banks and to the governments should proceed in parallel. A meeting in London between finance ministers and central bank governors of Britain, France, West Germany, Japan and the United States has been scheduled for April 10-12.

Polish party leaders criticized

Warsaw, April 3.—Poli[sh] Communist Party leaders ca[me] under heavy criticism at me[et]ings of local party organiz[a]tions throughout the count[ry] as they embarked on their pr[e-]congress election campaign, t[he] official media reported today.

Delegates to the plena[ry] session of the Central Co[m]mittee last Sunday had accus[ed] the ruling Politburo of bei[ng] out of touch with rank-and-fi[le] opinion and took the unusu[al] step of ordering them to co[n]sult their local parties.

The national consultati[ve] commission of the independe[nt] union organization Solidari[ty] was meeting in its Gdans[k] headquarters to plan the ne[xt] stage of negotiations with th[e] government.

The official news agenc[y] PAP said there was "an ope[n] and polemical discussion th[at] at moments broke into shar[p] disputes" when Mr Stanisla[w] Kania, the Party First Secr[e]tary, met party activists i[n] Warsaw last night.

Party members spoke ou[t] against what they called th[e] excessive use of the term[s] "counter-revolution" an[d] "anti-socialism", words fre[quently] used by the authoritie[s] to describe elements in Solida[ri]ty.—Reuter and Agenc[e] France-Presse.

News Analysis

Militants question Walesa leadership

From Timothy Garton Ash
Berlin, April 3

The storm which broke at this week's acrimonious meeting of Solidarity's national committee has been gathering for some months. The union leadership preferred to wash its dirty linen behind closed doors, excluding journalists from the most fractious part of its proceedings, but first-hand accounts have filtered through.

Solidarity was beginning to resemble a feudal monarchy, the historian Mr Karol Modzelewski complained, tendering his resignation as press spokesman. The king, Mr Lech Walesa, governed with his court and his parliament, the national committee. But too much power was concentrated in the hands of the king and the king's men.

His criticism of the way Monday's negotiations with the Government were conducted was widely shared. Many of the approximately 40 regional representatives who make up the committee felt the union could have won more than the vague promises contained in Monday's agreement if Mr Walesa had not been intimidated by the threat of Soviet tanks.

In private they disparage the most important of the king's men, Professor Bronislaw Geremek and Mr Tadeusz Mazowiecki, two Roman Catholic intellectuals who have been at Mr Walesa's right hand since August.

Many committee members, mostly young workers, particularly resent what they consider to be the high-handed, "undemocratic" and "manipulative" conduct of the intellectual advisers. Mr Andrzej Celinski, a sociologist closely connected with the Social Self Defence Committee (KOR), was dismissed from his post as secretary of the committee after a secret ballot on a motion proposed by Mr Ryszard Kalinowski, a 28-year-old worker from the northern city of Elblag.

Professor Geremek and Mr Mazowiecki were accused of arranging Monday evening's television announcement calling off the threatened general strike without consulting the national committee.

Now the committee is saying in the words which a medieval Polish parliament once addressed to its monarch, "Nothing about us without us".

All negotiations with the government, it is felt, should take place in front of the whole national committee, if possible in the Gdansk shipyard, scene of the great occupation strike which gave birth to Solidarity last summer.

A new team, probably dominated by activists like Mr Kalinowski and the even younger leader of the Warsaw region, Mr Zbigniew Bujak, should lead the discussion. The experts' role should be reduced to that of specialists—a Solidarity "think tank".

This team of angry young men is likely to be tougher with the Government. They are apparently unafraid of the consequences of a general strike.

On the other hand they are keen to establish a structure of permanent dialogue with the authorities. Working parties are thrashing out the union's position on the main issues covered by Monday's scrambled compromise: investigation of the beating up of Solidarity activists in Bydgoszcz, strike pay, political prisoners, access to the mass media, and the private farmers' Rural Solidarity organization.

There is unlikely to be another confrontation before Easter, unless hardliners in the party or security apparatus are determined to provoke it.

Solidarity's national committee meeting was a model of fundamental unity when compared with the tumultuous plenary session of the Communist Party's Central Committee (last Sunday). The union's future will very much depend on developments within the disunited party between now and the special party congress, promised for July 20.

Until then, the workers cannot afford to dispense with their king and the seasoned judgment of his closest advisers.

Thailand's military coup comes to an ignominious end after colonel's car stops at traffic lights

From David Watts
Bangkok, April 3

Colonel Prachak Sawangchit's car drew up at a red light near the royal palace this morning. His driver's immaculate road manners set off a chain of events that quickly and ignominiously ended Thailand's three-day military rebellion.

As the colonel's car stood waiting for the light to change a lorryload of troops loyal to General Prem Tinsulanonda, the Prime Minister, arrived at the junction. Troops poured out of the lorry and called through a loud hailer on the colonel and his staff of two to surrender.

There was an exchange of fire which hit the coup's only victim, a motorcyclist, and the flamboyant and pugnacious commander of the Second Infantry Regiment gave himself up. Yesterday the colonel had been talking of a fight to the finish.

Within two hours of the colonel's capture General Prem's forces, flown into Don Muang airport overnight from his headquarters at Korat in the north-east, had retaken key points in Bangkok, including the radio station, without serious violence.

The leaders of the coup, General Sant Chitpatima and General Vasin Isarangkun na Ayutthaya, Commander of the First Army Region, were allowed to escape in the tradition of bloodless coups in Thailand.

Two helicopters lifted off from the centre of Bangkok taking them into exile as overhead Air Force reconnaissance aircraft circled

General Sant's family preceded him shortly before midnight last night on a scheduled flight to an unknown destination. One local newspaper said his wife withdrew the equivalent of £10m from a bank yesterday. The family is said to have left a house which cost a similar sum to build. It is thought that General Sant has gone to Burma.

Some of the troops were more resolute than their leaders and pockets of the two battalions of Sant forces were still refusing to give themselves up hours later as General Prem's forces made a show of their presence in the city.

Armoured troop carriers took up positions at road junctions and special forces troops moved into place. A Royal Thai Air Force Dakota gunship a machine-gun protruding from its side, circled the centre of the city.

But for the most part the collapse of the April Fool's Day coup was a classic illustration of the Thai ability to reconcile the irreconcilable.

This was graphically illustrated by an incident not long after the arrest of Colonel Prachak. As a military vehicle sped along the road which separates the royal palace from the racecourse it was ordered to stop. The driver hastily went into reverse and tried to escape but a car blocked him.

There was a fusillade of automatic fire, the windscreen was smashed and blood spilled on to the road. Two men jumped out saying: "What did you do that for? We were coming to surrender."

The commander of the Prem troops whisked off his beret, and playfully slapped it against a lieutenant's shoulder, put his arm round him and the two men walked off.

That spirit was echoed in a television address by General Prem this afternoon when he emphasized the need to forgive and forget and get on with the building of the country.

But it is unlikely that the irresponsibility of the middle-ranking commanders, who remain behind to face the music, will be either quickly forgiven or forgotten.

The coup leaders have gone into exile, the troops will be excused on the ground that they were only following the orders of their officers, but the majors and colonels withdrew vital units from active duty on the border with Cambodia where there are an estimated 200,000 Vietnamese troops.

For three days Thailand has been without an effective Government or Army. There was precensorship of the newspapers and the principal bulwark against what the other non-communist countries of the region see as the threat from the communist block was demonstrably a paper tiger.

Thailand has spent nearly £400m on new military equipment in the past two years, most of it in the United States. Some of the Army's new hardware got its first airing, not in defence against an external threat, but in a domestic argument.

A comic opera squabble is over without serious immediate consequences. But it could so easily have gone the other way.

Mr Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese Vice-Chairman, chatting with Lord Carrington yesterday.

Installation at simple ceremony in Bangui

From Ian Murray
Bangui, April 3

President David Dacko was sworn in today as the duly elected head of state of the Central African Republic in a simple ceremony in deliberate contrast to the pomp surrounding the coronation of his predecessor, the former Emperor Jean Bedel Bokassa.

On taking office he named Mr Bozanga, the Minister of Justice, as his first Prime Minister. It will be his task to form the new Government. As yet there is no date set or even hinted at for the legislative elections, which constitutionally should now follow.

This morning's ceremony was performed before an invited audience of diplomats and local dignitaries and was broadcast live by the state radio. The crowd outside the hall, where the swearing-in took place, was outnumbered by the red-jacketed band and the company of troops escorting the national flag.

Outside the entrance a group of local folk dancers performed to the sound of the tom-tom, while over it all blared the brass music of the "Chant de Depart", the martial music which is the favourite of President Giscard d'Estaing of France.

The route from the presidential palace to the hall, which is on the outskirts of Bangui near the airport, was blocked by police at every intersection for an hour or more before the President's car passed through.

At the junction leading to the shanty town of Kilometre 5, each corner was manned by a pair of riot police, but otherwise there was no indication of the strike call which had been made by opponents of the President the previous day.

It was symbolic that the swearing-in ceremony took place in the building next door to the barracks used by the French Barracuda intervention force, which has been keeping order in the Central African Republic since the fall of the emperor.

Nevertheless, the French soldiers, usually very much in evidence at the barracks, were discreetly out of sight with even their Jeeps either on patrol or hidden at the back.

Refugees from 'earthquake' leave Hongkong

From Our Correspondent
Hongkong, April 3

More than 20 of the 90 junks which have brought nearly 5,000 Chinese into Hongkong since Monday have left their detention centre to return home.

The crisis is easing and the authorities will now declare a deadline for departure, after which all refugees who remain will be disembarked by security forces, taken to the border and handed over to the Chinese.

Yesterday, 134 refugees were repatriated and today another group of 155 from five boats will be returned. Chinese officials are cooperating fully in the operations.

This action and loud-speaker broadcasts to the crowded junks, giving assurances from Canton that the fears of an impending earthquake which provoked the exodus are groundless, are obviously persuading more refugees to go home.

China pledge on colony's investments

From David Bonavia
Peking, April 3

Mr Deng Xiaoping, the Vice-Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party, today told Lord Carrington that investors in Hongkong need not worry about the future of the colony.

"This is the official position of the Chinese Government," Mr Deng said. "Even if there is some change in 16 years' time [when the lease on the economically vital new territories expires], the interests of investors will not be harmed."

Informed sources in the British party said Mr Deng gave no more specific assurances; but a telegram has been sent to the Hongkong Government with news of this reiteration of China's long-standing position.

It is understood that the Foreign Secretary did not raise the question of the sale of about £40m worth of British military electronics equipment which Marconi representatives here are attempting to finalize.

Yesterday Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Prime Minister, repeated the Government's invitation to the Queen to visit China, but no firm date has discussed. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, however, is thought likely to visit China next year if she is still in office.

The Hongkong question is becoming obsessive in Anglo-Chinese relations, as the British authorities continue to press for some definite statement of Chinese intentions for the expiry of the lease in 1997.

Mr Deng told Lord Carrington today: "We have a billion people to worry about"—as opposed to five or six million

Observers believe the Chinese have themselves not decided how they will solve the Hongkong problem, in view of the colony's extreme usefulness as a source of foreign exchange and expertise.

Lord Carrington is understood to feel that the reiteration of China's favourable attitude towards Hongkong, to someone holding his office, is in itself an encouraging sign.

The British delegation leaves tomorrow for a short visit to Xian in north-west China,

Japanese unions launch ritual spring offensive

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, April 3

In annual ritual in Japan, spring labour offensive, an today when more than a lion workers launched a paign for higher wages. ey want a marginal increase 2 per cent above the offers leading industrialists.

n the most serious incidents industrial unrest this year idreds of ticket collectors on an National Railways went strike for two hours during rush hour this morning. But pokesman for the railways the action was ineffective use most passengers purchased their tickets and depos the stubs on trays at unned exit gates of stations.

n other incidents thousands workers took part in demonstrations during their lunch k today and then dutifully rned to work.

housands of members of erful trade union federa, including the Japan Har- Workers Union and the onal Trade Union of Metal Engineering Workers, were d out on partial strikes for maximum period of two s.

The unions, including the powerful General Council of Trade Unions, are demanding a wage increase of 10 per cent, which is slightly higher than the rate of inflation.

Leaders of industry are expected to offer wage increases of about 8 per cent but, unlike the West, Japan is not expected to be troubled by protracted strikes during negotiations in the next few weeks.

"There is only a small gap between the demands of the unions and the offers of employers. This is more like a ritual and we do not expect any crippling strikes", a spokesman for the Federation of Economic Organizations said.

In the most serious industrial unrest last year a three-day transport strike ended only six hours after the unions had brought all trains and bus services to a halt.

Industrialists are confident that the union's offensive will not stop production. Companies such as Nippon Steel, the Toyota motor company and Nissan, the manufacturer of Datsun cars, have not experienced a strike for nearly three decades.

President Chun commutes Kwangju death sentences

From Jacqueline Reditt
Seoul, April 3

Death sentences recently confirmed by the Supreme Court on three South Koreans were today commuted to life imprisonment in a c lemency measure approved by President Chun Doo Hwan.

The clemency order extended to a total of 83 people convicted in connexion with last May's uprising in the south-western provincial capital of Kwangju, in which 189 people died.

Twenty had their sentences reduced and 57 others were released. Three whose sentences were already suspended have now had their civil rights restored.

Among the three whose death sentences were commuted today was Chong Dong Nyon, a student aged 38, whose written confession of having received money to organize student demonstrations in Kwangju, was produced by the prosecution as key evidence in the trial of Mr Kim Dae Jung, the dissident leader.

When President Chun first took control of the country during a period of domestic instability, he imposed harsh and unpopular restrictions, extending martial law and banning all political activity.

But in recent months he has considerably eased restrictions and put into effect a reconciliation policy. In January, he commuted Mr Kim Dae Jung's death sentence to life imprisonment. To mark his inauguration last month, he offered amnesty to 5,221 political and other prisoners.

Of those involved in the Kwangju uprising, 306 had their sentences reduced or suspended earlier, and this latest measure means that leniency has been extended to all those convicted for their involvement in the incident.

Turkish diplomat recovers after Copenhagen shooting

From Christopher Follett
Copenhagen, April 3

Cavit Demir, the First Secretary of the Turkish Embassy here, was recovering satisfactorily in a Copenhagen hospital today, after undergoing hours of emergency surgery to remove six bullets from his kidneys, throat and groin. He was shot by members of an Armenian underground organization at his home last night. Police are still hunting

The shooting was the first of its kind in Denmark. Fifteen Turkish diplomats have been killed in various countries by Armenian groups in the past years.

Last weekend about 300 demonstrated in front of the French Embassy here in protest against insufficient protection from the French Government for Turkish diplomats based in France, where five Turkish diplomats have been shot dead by Armenian groups since 1973, two of them last month.

An Armenian group calling itself the Secret Armenian Army first claimed responsibility for yesterday's shooting in a telephone call to Ritzan, the Danish news agency.

Reuters News Agency in Beirut then received a telephoned statement from the so-called Justice Commandos for the Armenian Genocide denying that the action was connected with the Secret Armenian Army and claiming full responsibility.

Sri Lanka leader withdraws defamation claim

From Our Correspondent
Colombo, April 3

President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka today agreed to withdraw a 2m rupee (£50,000) defamation claim against Independent Newspapers Ltd after they agreed to publish an apology and pay 50,000 rupees to two charities named by him.

The English-language morning paper of the group has already apologized unreservedly twice to Mr Jayewardene and explained the circumstances in which the statements were published.

In another case, Mr Ronnie de de Mel, Minister of Finance, is suing the same group for 1m rupees for defamation.

Road crash kills 15

Maseru, April 3.—Fifteen people were killed in a road accident at Mantsonyane, Lesotho, last night.

Ecuador and Peru open mountain border

Huaquillas, Ecuador, April 3.—Ecuador and Peru yesterday reopened their frontier in the Condor Mountains after a two-month closure which followed border fighting earlier this year.

Ecuadoreans from the small border town of Huaquillas joined Peruvians from Aguas Verdes for celebrations on a bridge separating the two countries.

The border was closed and trade paralysed when fighting erupted in January after Peru accused Ecuador of occupying abandoned military outposts inside its territory. Ecuador has historically claimed a large area of northern Peru.

The reopening of the border comes after a demilitarization agreement between the two

A ceasefire and separation of forces was monitored by the United States, Chile, Argentina and Brazil, guarantors of a Peru-Ecuador peace treaty of 1942.—Reuter.

Saturday Review

She took it so well

A short story by Brian Glanville

"But she took it so *well*, she's taken it so *well*!" Each chant at me in their hard, bright voices; up and down Hampstead High Street, in the greengrocer's, the fishmonger's, the coffee shop. "So *well*, so *well* she's been absolutely *marvellous*!" till wearily I wondered if praise like this, from people like these, implied the opposite of what was said. In their narrow, sharply lit, protected world, there seemed no more room for sensibility than there was for mud in the hall.

Could she be taking it *too* well, or as easily, in its different way as she had taken the death of Mr George? I was ashamed of the thought, and tried to chase it away; the bereavement had been so recent, so sudden and so horrible. If she could come to terms with it in any way at all, it must be good.

Peter had been killed in the Temple. An Arab had shot at another Arab, and hit him instead as he walked out of his chambers, quite unwittingly, behind the quarry, whom he had not even known. The man who should have died was a refugee from a Middle Eastern tyrant, a former minister who had left and denounced the regime. The gunman was one of those who seemed to swarm all over Europe, now, murdering their victims in Rome, in Paris, even London, where such things had once been unthinkable. So Peter's death was random, senseless and appalling, the more still because he was what he was, an absolute idealist, always away somewhere or other to assist Czech dissidents, to stop black guerillas being hanged by the South Africans, to plead some prisoner's case at the International Court, never taking a penny for any of it. He was a QC, but you felt he crammed his work at the bar into the interstices of what really mattered to him.

"He's *such* an altruist", Helen used to say, with that little lift of the head she gave, as though looking up above her audience and into a spirtual stratosphere. "He *shouldn't* do all the things he does, but who can stop him?" I sometimes had the feeling she would like to.

They lived well enough, in their house on the Heath, furnished and decorated in Helen's arid good taste, though hung with pictures Peter had bought from exhibitions. There was a boy at Westminster and another at St Paul's. For their holidays, they would take a boat to West Wittering; he had enough, Peter would say, of being abroad. He was forever flying, and when he did, Helen would fly with him, while the boys and a succession of *au pair* girls fended for themselves. "She should be called Ruth", my husband once said to me. "whither thou goest, I shall go."

"He just can't *bear* to be away from her", said the chatterers in the High Street, "*he adores her*", but I was not sure. He *did* adore her, you could tell that from the way he looked at her, the way he was at ease with her, yet she never seemed at ease with him. I sensed, at times, a touch of desperation to her love.

"Peter and I . . ." she'd say. "*We* think . . . We both believe . . ." He never contradicted her; he merely smiled. Now and again, at dinner parties or at cocktail parties, I'd catch her looking at him with a kind of fear, perhaps a fear of losing him, and now, he'd gone. Not to another woman, but to a bullet.

Was she really as tormented as I'd thought she must be, or could she be, in some strange way relieved and released? Everyone had liked Peter, many had loved him, with his perfect, delicate compactness, his gentle generality, though he'd never seemed to be a ladies' man, never flirted, never given out signals, never indulged in glances, in permitted clasps and kisses. He was dark, while she was fair. He was small, while she was rather large, a kind of hockey captain, bluff and bouncing, yet not innocent. She could hurt at times, she could wound. "You've got such ugly ears", she told my little daughter, one day. "Your mother really ought to have them pinned back, before it's too late."

She worked, part time, in the Citizens' Advice Bureau. I could imagine her sitting behind a table in one of those bleak little rooms, dispensing hearty common sense, telling people they should pull themselves together, sticking always to the letter of the law, where Peter was concerned with the spirit.

"Isn't she *beautiful*?" her friends would ask me in the High Street. "She looks so *beautiful*, despite it all."

What they meant, I thought, was she looked well; she had never been beautiful. If anything, the word was healthy; with her fair, curly hair, her pink complexion, her sturdy legs bared for squash, which she played not with Peter but her sons. I'd watched them once, when the boys were much smaller. "Come on, come on!" she'd cried, laughing with unrestrained delight when she had scored a point. "Come on, keep up! You can do much better than that!" When she couldn't play, they played with Mr George.

"Oh, I *love* playing with Mr George!" the younger boy had told my children, once, eyes shinning with remembered joy. "He's so *good*, he *shows* you things!" to which Helen, who was there, had sharply replied, "You like playing Mr George because he lets you win! He plays pat ball!"

Mr George was very old, even when I first met him. No one knew quite how old, but he'd gone Over The Top in the Great War, and was supposed to have won a medal. Everyone loved Mr George just as, in a different way, they loved Peter Melton. "My dear", said the Hampstead Ladies, "he's one of Helen's discoveries." She had "discovered" him in the Citizens' Advice Bureau. He was poor and he was frail, he had been widowed ten years ago, he lived in a chilly furnished room behind the Finchley Road, and gallantly kept up appearances. What Helen did was find him things to do. "It gives them dignity", she said. "And of course, a little money. We don't always need to use him when we do but they like to feel they're needed".

Mr George could meet many different needs; he was willing and he was versatile. He could cook and drive and garden. He was, as Helen said, "quite scrupulously clean and honest; a tiny man who looked as if he'd wizened in the sun, whose jauntiness told of saloon bars, crude jests with commercial travellers but whose background was in fact, pathetically, something better; a minor public school, achievements as an athlete; soldiering, gliding, mountaineering.

"The children *love* listening to him", Helen said. "They believe everything he tells them."

My children love it, too, when he came to us the times when Helen didn't need him. She was quite generous with him, happy to farm him out, to sub-contract him. "He needs the work, he needs the *occupation*." He, in turn, was loyal as a dog to her and Peter, though clearly more attached to Peter than to her. Now and again, in his crisp, curt embarrassed way, he would let something slip.

"Doesn't believe in cleaning mushrooms, the good lady. Just throws them in the stew."

Behind the façade of cleanliness and order, one glimpsed another world of strange squalor, almost of sluttishness; unhygienic and grimy. When he knew he had been indiscreet, Mr George's mouth would shut tight in his seamed little face.

And then he'd died. He had been looking ill for ages. "Is there anything wrong?" I would ask, but he had the stoicism of his upbringing; a stiff upper lip was *de rigueur*.

"No, no, nothing the matter with me. Sound as a bell. Always *have* looked like death warmed up." The bell always tolled for someone else.

But we had a bad winter; snow on the Heath, slush in the streets. Mr George developed a cough which shook his poor, thin body as though it were a flapping blind. "Go home!" I told him, when he came to work for me. "You ought to be at home!" until at last he went, but Helen kept him working; driving Peter to court, shovelling snow off the front path, humping shopping through the windy streets.

"I've been better", he admitted, outside Sainsbury's, one day.

"Then stay in bed, Mr George", I begged.

"No, no, duty calls", and he coughed. "It's nothing much. Just a tickle."

A day later he was in hospital with pneumonia; two days more, and he was dead. Helen sent a massive wreath of lilies to the funeral, but she did not come, while Peter was in Ghana, defending a man on trial for his life. Mr George's brother paid for the funeral; we rode in the hearse together, he and I, the solitary mourners. He'd come up from Gloucestershire, a farmer, younger than Mr George, plumper, less buffeted by life. He had Mr George's soft, doggy eyes, his brisk voice, but none of his resignation. "Wife wanted to come", he said, apologetically, "but couldn't get away", so that I knew she *hadn't* wanted to come, had probably found poor Mr George a boring nuisance.

We stood by the grave in the little green churchyard while sleet blew over us and a clergyman who'd never known Mr George talked about his splendid qualities. The Melton's wreath lay there, luxuriously out of place, like an orchid in a potato patch.

"Never had much luck", Mr George's brother said.

Peter's funeral was very different. It was held in Belgravia. The church was packed with prosperous, elegant, distinguished people, discreet and solemn in their grief. A fashionable clergyman with wavy blond hair and a translucent skin spoke of Peter's benefactions to the underprivileged. "This is not a lorss", he said, "not only to his loving family, not only to his many and devoted friends, but, I may truly say, to humanity at large." I thought it true, but wished it had been said by someone else.

Helen, in her widow's weeds, looked quite extraordinary. There was a martyred radiance about her. I had not seen her since the murder, though I'd tried to from the moment that I'd heard about it, heard by chance on a news bulletin while working in the kitchen, listening mindlessly to mindless music, experiencing no more than the generalized sense of shock and disgust when I heard that "a prominent lawyer was shot dead today outside his chambers at the Temple in Central London," only to be frozen, stunned and horrified, when they gave Peter's name.

Helen would not see anybody then, and I could not blame her. Any phone call was intercepted by the operator, later answered by her *au pair*, or one of her sons. "She's very sorry, but she says she'd rather not speak to anybody at the moment. She says she hopes you'll understand." Of course I understood. I sent her a long, emotional letter, aware, with each word I wrote, of the uselessness of it, overwhelmed by a sense of futile loss, of the appalling pain which Helen must be suffering.

There, at the funeral, in her exquisite black dress and long, black coat, she seemed to have been purged by pain. Now and again, she even smiled; a kind of wry, resigned, forgiving smile; the smile of a saint, I ached for her, yet at the same time there was something else, something wrong, a feeling I could not admit to consciousness, so that it lingered just beneath the threshold. I knew only that she should have looked . . . different.

She seemed scarcely even to have lost weight. Her face, handsome at its best and never pretty, was still full, the skin still clear and fresh. She looked, as always, healthy, like a Roman matron, serene but not sensual.

Afterwards when I came to her and kissed her, she turned her cheek to me with the same forgiving smile, the movement quick and studied. "Thank you, darling, thank you." There was no intimacy, I resented it, and felt ashamed of myself.

Then the interviews began.

Illustration by Robin Harris

There were many of them; the first in a popular daily paper beneath the headline, **This woman with forgiveness in her heart.**

"Helen Melton" it said, "feels no hatred, not even for the thug who shot down her beloved brilliant husband at the peak of his philanthropic career 'People like that deserve pity,' she says. 'They are pawns in a brutal, sordid game. I know he didn't mean to kill my husband, and I know my husband wouldn't have wanted me to hate him. He was a man who lived his life for other people. He loathed all kinds of cruelty.'"

In the middle of the page there was a large photograph; Helen at home, with her two sons, one on either side of her, sitting on a sofa. She had an arm round each one's shoulders, but regarded neither. Her smile, displaying fine, white teeth was for the camera.

At last, I got to see her. Like others, I had offered to cook, to shop, to feed her children; but like others, I'd been courteously refused. She could manage, she said. When, on the telephone, I talked to her, any sympathy was met with a pause, a kind of short, ritual silence, implying grief unspoken; then she'd speak again, quite brightly, as if nothing had been said. It was a new Helen that one had to get used to. We had never been close, it was true, but we'd conversed, we had found a *modus vivendi*. There were schools to talk about, and shopping. There were children, *au pairs*, and Mr George. Now and again, one broke down on the shoals of her rigidity; there were passing moments when she gaffed, knew she had gaffed, but went on with a quick and sickly smile. I wasn't one of Helen's group, one of the Hampstead Ladies, though I lived there; they took things for granted that I couldn't take at all. They seemed to sail through life like conquering galleons, impervious and armoured. For them and Helen, people still knew, or didn't know, "their place", still pulled, or didn't pull, "their weight", still were, or weren't "the right sort" Banded together, braying together, they made me feel inadequate and ill at ease. When I was alone with Helen *she* felt ill at ease. Perhaps that was why she wouldn't see me.

But seeing her now. there was no tension in the air, no unease. She patronized me from heights of her serenity, almost as though she were giving me an audience. "How *nice* of you to come!" she said. There was no shared past in her voice or in her manner; it might have been the first time she'd ever set eyes on me. Wanting to express sympathy, condolence, my own grief, I found it impossible. She was saying the things I'd read in newspaper interviews, she was saying the things I'd seen her say on television. Once more, I found myself trying to resist what I felt, that she was enjoying herself. Only once did her voice sharpen, when her now *au pair*, a Spanish girl, timidly brought in the tea. "Put it there", she said, "no, *there*!" as the girl set the tray down on the wrong table. Otherwise, she was calm and controlled.

"Work's been *such* a consolation", she said, and I remembered her saying it on television, the week before, remembered even the smile with which She'd said it. "I think that's the best therapy of all, don't you? To help other people, when you need help yourself."

"But the boys . . ." I said.

"Oh, they've been *won*derful. Such a support to *me*! Jason's really become the man of the house. He bosses me about; it's sweet!"

Jason appeared: he had just come back from school. He was a tall boy with his mother's build but his father's delicate mouth and wistful eyes. There was a pall of melancholy about him that made me want to take him in my arms and hug him. He was only fourteen. I wanted to tell *him* how sorry I was; I sensed the great effort that he made to conquer grief, but with Helen there, all was cheerfulness and grit.

"Darling, *do* help Carmen with the dinner, or we'll be here till midnight. You know how hopeless she is with potatoes." And suddenly, subversively, I had a picture of her chucking unwashed mushrooms into the stew.

"All right," the boy said, and went out of the room.

"And *do* walk properly, dear! Your shoulders!"

When he'd gone, she asked me, "Isn't he wonderful."

"You've all been wonderful," I said.

It was the vogue word, now, among the Hampstead Ladies. "Wasn't Helen wonderful?" On television, in the papers. "*Wasn't* she wonderful? And not a *trace* of nerves!"

I would have been much happier if there had been. I had to remind myself of what I knew about mourning, its dodges and its displacements.

Could it be a defence, a time out of war, a way to kill the pain? I felt guilty about my hostile feelings for her, disgusted by my own disgust which lurked there, ready to be brought to life by Helen in the newspapers, Helen on television, *Helen*, now, at dinner parties.

There was one in Frognal, given by a Hampstead Lady whose husband was an architect. An unattached man had been provided, a divorced publisher, a sad, quiet, grey haired figure who smiled occasionally at Helen with a pleading diffidence, and to whom she hardly spoke. We sat by candlelight at an alcove table and ate *blanquette de veau*, while Helen queened it.

"She *doesn't* like him, I can tell", the hostess said to me, when I helped her carry in the coffee. "I mean, *really* like him: you know."

"Yes, I know."

"*So* beautiful", my hostess said, "and so *hard* to find another Peter."

If she wanted another Peter, I wasn't sure. There were more dinner parties, more unattached men, snubbed and ignored. Sometimes I was there, sometimes I just heard.

"He's just not *good* enough for her . . . . He's just not *Peter*."

Peter's portrait hung in the hall, his photographs stood in her living room. Was it an illusion, or were there more of them than there had ever been when he was alive? As the weeks became months, as the months rolled by, as Helen smiled, dined, travelled and played squash, I saw that she was happy. Peter had gone; but she could never lose him, now.



Radio

Out of the rut

Part of our mythology concerns the working man who by his own efforts and native genius rises out of humble circumstances into some form of honourable distinction — a shining example to his fellows who may then be expected to emulate him, but safely given up as irredeemable if they do not. No doubt there have been sufficient instances to lend the tale a certain credibility, but it may as much have been a story which the well-to-do repeated to themselves to make their position at the top of the tree seem less inequitable. And it may be with the same end in view that people are frequently to be heard today asserting, "Of course we're all working class nowadays . . .", a phrase which I do not remember very often on the lips of those who really are. In fact to get out of the rut into which it hath pleased God to call you has generally been an arduous undertaking and one which, as a universal aim, suffers from the common observation that those who achieve it—D. H. Lawrence might be one example—may in some important sense never truly have been in it to begin with.

In Radio 3's *Hammerman*, John Wells told the story of a less familiar figure—one in fact till now unknown to me—who illustrated both points to perfection: for Alfred Williams to get away from his life first as farmhand, then as steam-hammer operator in the railway works at Swindon was a gruelling, often daunting task and one which brought him few, if any, material rewards; at the same time in no way does this exceptional man ever seem to have been one of the common run of labourers or railway workers, nor indeed particularly in his element in that society. While working in the Tartarean surroundings of the railway forging shop, he kept his own counsel and taught himself Latin and Greek until the environment ruined his health. Given six months to live by his doctor unless he got out, he did so, managing with some difficulty to join the army which he thoroughly enjoyed. Drafted to India, he discovered—this time at first hand—another amazing culture, one to which he adapted with enough sympathy to be received as "an honoured guest in Indian homes" and where an interest in Sanskrit developed sufficiently to enable him later to translate parts of *The Panchatantra*.

Only financial difficulties at home brought him back to the punishing life of a market gardener and a small amount of unremunerative literary recognition, achieved partly thanks to the support of Basil Blackwell. He died in 1930, supposedly of a heart attack, more probably of starvation: there was one pound note in his cottage, earmarked for a present for his wife, herself just dead in hospital. This absorbing, somewhat rambling, programme was made on location around Swindon by Margaret Windham and Martin Jenkins with the technical assistance of Lloyd Silverthorne. In atmosphere and in the voices of the few still living who had known Williams, it told of a spare and noble life.

What of the life of April Merrin who threw herself out of a window in her 21st floor tower block flat in Newham today a month ago? *The Death of April Merrin* (Radio 4, March) described a rut from which escape seemed barely possible: father loses his job and starts to live rough, April and her mother and sister go into care; mother tries to reconstitute the family without father in that one fatal 21st floor flat, but it proves too much and she hurls herself under one of the trains that never cease their noise through Stratford East. Her death is lingering, the place where she attempted it plainly visible from the flat. April, still only 17 or so, has a child and then another apparently by a kindly Jamaican, himself coping single-handed and affectionately with a family of four. For a while she bears up well, friends remark upon her courage, motherliness and responsibility; then one Saturday without warning, she goes back to the flat alone on the excuse of picking up a shopping trolley and is never seen alive again.

The programme was presented by Andrew Jennings who understand to be one of April's neighbours and he behaves as if he were hoping to pin a little blame on somebody. But it quickly became obvious, certainly to his listeners and by the sound of it to him, that that case was not going to run. Tower block living with small children clearly does not help, but who when towers were being planned foresaw their full effect? Now Newham has something over 3,000 families on for transfer and the housing people try but there is nowhere to put them. Social workers also try, but with such a case load it is not possible to field everyone. What this programme imparted above all was the depth, complexity and intractability of a situation for which no one was prepared.

Compared with such authentic awfulness, the behaviour of characters in plays, said to be subject to intolerable stress and fundamental disenchantment, often sounds a trifle self-indulgent. Thus Susan Traherne in David Hare's *Plenty*, adapted for radio by the author and produced by Richard Wortley. Having as a wartime courier in France experiences in a moment of terror extraordinary closeness to another human being she spends the rest of the play seeking but failing to rediscover it at the expense of all around her. Beautifully performed by Jane Lapotaire, but I look back on her as a great nuisance.

David Wade

Paperbacks of the month

The Scholar and the Muse

A. E. Housman: The Scholar-Poet: By Richard Perceval Graves (Oxford, £3.95)

They used to say in Cambridge that old Housman had put poetry back by 30 years. But the Muse seemed quite happy with this arrangement, and most of us would still have to acknowledge her presence with a slight and unaccountable flutter of the heart when we hear, "Loveliest of trees, the cherry now . . ." or "In summer time on Bredon", or "What are those blue remembered hills, What spires, what farms are those? . ."

The mystery of Housman's power as a poet has been explained in various ways. Historians note that he recalls a kind of arcadian Golden Age which most English people half-believe existed before the Great War. Critics point to his use of the four- or five-line ballad stanza, which summons up memories of Shakespeare's songs, the Authorized Bible, the Border Ballads, and even (for the happy few) the heroic melancholy epigrams of the Greek Anthology. (See the forthcoming Penguin Classic). Biographers have preferred to concentrate on a suggestive contradiction in Housman's character: that the icy, upright Kennedy Professor of Latin was also the sighing, lovelorn Shropshire Lad.

But their explanations for all this—Percy Wither in *A Buried Life* (1940), George Watson in *A Divided Life* (1957)—have been narrow: Housman suffered all his life from repressed and unrequited homosexual passion, most notably for a fellow Oxford undergraduate, Moses Jackson (who married and went to India). So he buried himself in the 30-year task of editing the obscure Latin poet Manilius, and only released his feelings in crushing editorial commentaries on minor German professors, and in a handful (177 to be exact) of bitter, anachronistic lyrics.

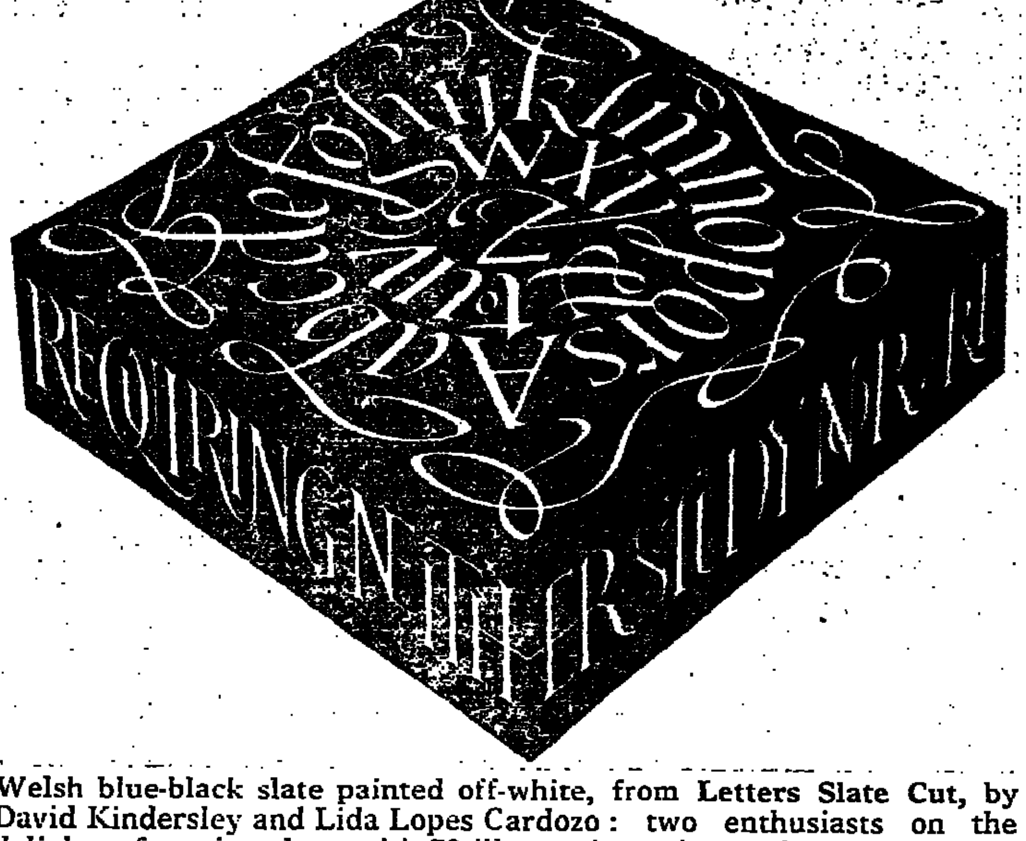
The great merit of Richard Perceval Graves's sane and civilized biography, is that while reconciling all these accounts, it goes much more deeply into Housman's family background and friendships. It makes him fully human. Using a mass of unpublished or uncollected materials, Graves patiently builds up the portrait of a surprisingly representative late-Victorian figure. Housman's childhood in Worcestershire (*not* Shropshire), his overstrained education at Oxford, his ten dogged years in the Civil Service, his slow rise to academic celebrity, and his later blessed summer escapes to the Continent, are transformed into a miniature history of that pivotal generation of middle-class Englishmen.

Graves, nephew of poet Robert Graves, is equally sensitive to the professional and emotional sides of Housman's life, and brings them together with unerring tact and good sense. He shows how important Housman's family relations always were. His mother died when he was 12, which gave him the essentially melancholy, stoic cast to his character; while his brother Herbert was killed in the Boer War and became the inspiration of many of the "soldier" poems. His publisher, the raffish genial Grant Richards, drew out much of his witty Epicurean nature, and shared his diverse and meticulous enthusiasms—for wine, cathedrals, *music halls*, *erotica*, the English countryside and the French cuisine. "To include me in an anthology of the 'Nineties'," he informed Richards and Symons, "would be just as technically correct, and just as essentially inappropriate, as to include Lot in a book on Sodomites."

Yet it is interesting to discover that Housman's visits to Paris, and Venice—"there is no place like it in the world: everything there is better in reality than in memory"—did not perhaps leave the "stolen waters" he so longed for, untasted. It is also nice to find that the French, who understand poets so well, named a gourmet dish after him—*Barbue Housman*, a form of poached turbot served in Mornay Sauce with tiny new potatoes. An apt combination of the severe with the extravagant.

Altogether a fine biography, then, which leaves A. E. Housman a much more substantial figure, and will surely encourage the Muse.

Richard Holmes



Welsh blue-black slate painted off-white, from Letters Slate Cut, by David Kindersley and Lida Lopes Cardozo: two enthusiasts on the delights of cutting slate, with 79 illustrations in a beautiful book, which also gives practical details on tools and techniques (Lund Humphries, £7.95).

Impossible dreams

The Woman Warrior, by Maxine Hong Kingston (Picador, £1.50)
China Men, by Maxine Hong Kingston (Picador, £1.50)

Maxine Hong Kingston thinks like the American she is, yet dreams in Chinese "the language of impossible dreams". With thrilling imagery and expertly wrought narrative she tells the story of her ancestors in China and the adventures of two generations of Chinese living in America.

In a voyage of discovery around her family, she works fact, hearsay, dreams and folk tradition into a brilliant saga with a teeming cast of thousands—Chinese villagers, relatives, ghosts, and whole clans of distant cousins.

So startling, crystal-bright and penetrating are the insights she gives that after reading her one may feel convinced that one has finally fathomed the mystery of the Chinese, and at last met the nation who live discreet and anonymous behind a sea of crutable faces.

One caveat: I, a child of Chinese who found themselves in Australia, had heard none of Maxine Hong Kingston's stories before. In my childhood we did not think of white people as "ghosts"; we called them "white devils".

So these books are very personal to Maxine Hong Kingston, but then, of course, to be so vivid they had to be. What is certainly true is that all Chinese outside China know the tension and pain of families divided by political and social barriers. All of us join the eternal Chinese human chain which sends back the tribute of blood, sweat and guilt money for ever to those who were left behind.

The author's father, a product of the imperial exams, seeks fortune by migrating to the Gold Mountain, the name the Chinese have given to any land whose streets they think may be paved with gold. Before allowing his wife to join him he insists that she acquire a profession. He will not have as his American wife an ignorant villager. The superstitions she brings with her inform and inspire the books her daughter has written.

The Woman Warrior, a great success in America yet strangely ignored when first published here, is essentially the story of the family's women-folk, their behaviour largely determined by Chinese codes of conduct and the presumption that girl children are generally a burden to a family.

Chinese customs are often cruel. We are told about some of the women whose feet are broken by binding and of the violent killing of the lady by villagers who thought that the little mirrors in her headdress were there to signal the Japanese enemy planes overhead. The author's aunt, left behind in the village while her husband builds up a prosperous practice in Los Angeles content only to send her routine remittances, goes insane when she comes to America and finds that her husband has taken a new young wife.

China Men, was inventive and brilliant as the first book and published here for the first time, collects stories about the men who built railroads, or laboured night and day in laundries (as the author's father did). These are the representatives of an ancient race set down in a new world. There are moving stories of Chinese coming to terms not only with white "ghosts" but black ones, too, yet fearing the communist bogyman who has taken over their fatherland and perhaps killed their kin. A special poignancy attaches to the brother sent to Vietnam to fight other yellow bogymen.

The books brim over with fascinating tales and glimpses of the Chinese race determined to survive in new and old worlds.

Lailan Young

Everyday country folk

The History of Myddle, by Richard Gough, edited by David Hey (Penguin, £2.50)

Most history is a record of the triumphs, disasters, and follies of top people. The black hole in it is the way of life of mute, inglorious men and women who made no nuisance of themselves in the world. But the oblivion is not absolutely black. This book is a remarkable window on the everyday life of ordinary folk three centuries ago. It does for the remote villagers of Shropshire in 1701 what *Montaillou* did for the late thirteenth-century peasants of their remote Pyrenean village; recovering their way of life across the gulf of centuries, and showing it to have been full of interest, drama, gossip, sex, violence, and rude life; just like that of our own dear Archers, but far more life-like.

Myddle is a little village about 10 miles north of Shrewsbury. Richard Gough was born there in 1635. He described himself as a yeoman; his neighbours sometimes added gentleman. About 1700 he started writing this local history that put Myddle on the map. The first half of his book is a characteristically tedious contemporary chronicle of the manor and its lords, and the church and its rectors. Then in 1701 he had the novel notion of drawing a seating plan of the church, and writing the family history of the occupant of each pew.

Once he left the model of previous local histories behind, and launched into his idea of writing about the private lives of the villagers with whom he had lived for 66 years, the thing came to scandalous life. We meet Elizabeth Tyler, who was more commendable for her beauty than her chastity, and was the ruin of her family; and Thomas Hall, who was a reasonably good husband until his father-in-law died, after which he let loose the reins to many disorderly courses, as cocking, racing, drinking, and lewdness.

Richard Gough was a slightly priggish Anglican with a tart tongue and a relish for lubricious gossip. The landlord of the pub had great custom, perhaps for his wife's sake, whom the people there called White Legs because she commonly went without stockings. David Higley was a good husband by fits: what he got with hard labour, he spent idly in the Alehouse; Richard Wicherley was very dull at learning, which caused Mr Suger the Schoolmaster to say very often he had no guts in his brains; but it seems he had gear in his britches, for he got one of his uncle's servant maids with child.

Many of the stories could have come from Chaucer. A drunken wife escapes from her husband by pretending to have lost a shoe in the dark, runs to the Alehouse, bolts herself in, and refuses to come home all night. Reece Wenlocke visits the wise-woman, and has an explosive trick played on him for stealing hedge-timber.

There does seem to have been a devil of a lot of ghastly murder, violence, and immorality in Myddle in the seventeenth century. But that is country life for you. David Hey in his affectionate introduction and notes argues that Myddle was not unusually violent by modern standards.

What Richard Gough did in his gossipy, anecdotal account, as told in the Alehouse with intervals to admire the landlady's white legs, was to confer a kind of immortality on his little contemporaries. Thomas Phillips, the antiquarian book collector and bibliomane, published it in 1834. Now Penguin bring it back to life again. Life has changed beyond recognition in three centuries. History has rolled on. But human nature remains much the same. There's nowt so queer nor so engaging as folks. They are the forgotten stuff of history.

Philip Howard

A double life



Robert McCrum wished he had written three novels before his first, *In the Secret State* (Fontana, £1.50) then all the "first novel" trouble would be out of the way. It is, in fact, his second novel, just to confuse things further. *In the Secret State* is a spy thriller (his own description) which does not aim to make things clear. The principal character, Director, C. Directorate, is called by a name Ben Jonson would have envied, Frank Strange, and there are others . . . Dangerfield, Quitman, Hayter . . . not quite Mr Facing-Both-Ways, but almost.

"When I left higher education at the age of 23 I had just finished my research in America. My first published work (in an historical journal) was called 'The Rhineland Question in the Paris Peace Conference, November, 1918-June 1919'. I assure you it's the last word on the subject. But I decided I didn't want to spend the rest of my life in common rooms and libraries.

"It occurred to me that while I was at Cambridge I'd written an essay every week of 5,000 words, and that I was writing nothing and suffering from tremendous withdrawal symptoms." There was the possibility of doing a job and researching in the evenings. "The British Museum at the end of a day was not a good idea—I found I couldn't concentrate on research in the evening. I had come back from the States and was the lowest form in publishing life—Publicity Assistant, paid far less than a secretary, at Chatto's. I wrote some stories and a comic novel, which I threw away two years later. Only about four people ever read it, and it didn't strike anyone as very funny. I was told that one day I would write a book that would be published, but this wasn't it, I was rather cast down, but it was a spur to write something else, as it was what I really wanted to do.

"I was almost three years at Chatto, a marvellous training ground—half of all the publishing in London is run by people who worked there. So I finished my first book there and then threw it away and started on this one and did it in six weeks. I sat down every evening and just *wrote* it because I was determined to get to the end.

"I wanted to take a form which was very well known—the spy thriller. There's a furious argument in English society about secrecy, and I am glad there is." He does not like the attitude that the public is told only what it needs to know. "I wanted to take over the form and give it a few more ideas. In fact, there are no spies in it, nobody draws a gun—it actually fails in a number of key ways—the idea doesn't quite work." Since writing it, nature has imitated fiction to a somewhat alarming extent. "I did wonder about blowing someone up with a car bomb outside the Civil Service Stores but nine months after I wrote it, Airey Neave was killed in the same way. I did the first draft in six weeks, and polished it afterwards—the basic outline didn't change."

There's an element in the English, he claims, that leads to a natural interest in spies and spying. "Everyone leads double lives—I certainly do—and the spy is the archetype." The English are very eccentric people, he continues, and are also interested in conveying impressions of themselves. "We are conditioned to spy on other people. The English *are* a secret society—we are programmed for it, for arcane and historical reasons." He cites the Norman Conquest, when control was taken from the ordinary people, and it led to the beginnings of secrecy and treachery to class. "The Normans have a lot to answer for."

Following his own precepts, he submitted the book under an assumed name to an agent, who sold it to Christopher Sinclair Stephenson at Hamish Hamilton. "He arranged this lunch at The Grange with the agent and me. He'd turned down my father's book many years ago. So I turned up and sat down. It was a very nice moment. Everyone laughed."

The book could not have come out at a more conspiracy conscious moment. Everyone's worst suspicions will be confusedly confirmed that Robert McCrum is the man who knew about it all the time. As he points out, he wrote the book in 1979 and it was not published until last year. "I've just finished another book, and I think it's going to be called *Loss of Heart*, ready for the spring of next year."

He has no worries about his own divided loyalties, as a publisher (he is the new Editorial Director at Faber) and as an author. Does he want the money or the fame? "I'd take both."

Philippa Toomey

To die and to live

Sophie's Choice, by William Styron (Corgi, £1.95)
Letter to Sister Benedicta, by Rose Tremain (Arrow, £1.25)
Emily Stone, by Anne Redmon (Magnum, £1.50)

An aspiring writer with the unlikely name of Stingo is the hero of William Styron's *Sophie's Choice*, an enormous, energetic novel set in immediate post-war America, but owing much of its strength to flashbacks to Auschwitz. Stingo comes from that stable of questing young men, innocent yet arrogant, that have inspired a whole genre of modern fiction, and it is his growing up that gives the novel its shape.

It is the summer of 1947, "sunny and mild, flower-fragrant, almost as if the days had been arrested in a seemingly perpetual springtime". Stingo, rejected reader for McGraw-Hill, sets himself up on a small legacy in a pink painted room in a boarding house in Brooklyn and waits for the muse. It comes in the form of friendship with two fellow tenants, Sophie, Polish survivor of Auschwitz, and Nathan, lovers whose turmoils enervate and engross him.

William Styron is a writer of violence and tension. The trouble with using material as powerful as almost anything that comes from concentration camp memory is that it eclipses newer horror. Sophie's account of her experiences holds the attention more dramatically than the passages with which it is interspersed: these, in comparison, seem pale, even artificial.

Styron has been producing his novels at the rate of roughly one every decade. Each has been called a masterpiece. Certainly the great screen is there. But in *Sophie's Choice*—whether to live or die—the vision, the emotional truth is missing. There is too much in the novel: too much vitality, too many characters, themselves too strong and too bizarre, their pasts too rich and fragmented. There is vigour and inventiveness, but they are not quite enough.

"Riches" says the middle-aged narrator of Rose Tremain's *Letter to Sister Benedicta*, "have made me fat and silent." But the woman inside is far from quiet, and her steady, sad, funny tone places a firm hand on an otherwise grisly theme.

The novel is written in the form of a diary addressed to a figure of comfort from childhood days, a nun who had once taught Ruby Constad in India. There is nothing childish about Ruby's life now—the short time span of the book catches her at the hospital bedside of her husband, Leon, paralysed by a stroke. She is waiting to see whether he will die.

As she writes, day by day, she pieces in the episodes of her life, introducing those people she has been most fond of, with compassion and a pleasing edge of ridicule. There is no bitterness, though all, in their way, have left her. The life she now faces is not promising: the fact that she emerges so strong and devoid of self-pity makes her one of the most generous and complete of modern heroines.

Ruby Constad is, of course, likable: her kind of intuitive worldliness and touches of the unpredictable leave a taste of hope. The same is not true of Anne Redmon's narrator, *Emily Stone*. The two novels, the two women, share a death and a tone of confidential revelation; but while Ruby is comfortable, Emily is gawky in her unhappiness.

Emily Stone is the story of a friendship between two totally different girls, one fanciful and alert, the other a wary "soldier of the intellect", whose Socialist Fulham childhood has left a chilly mark of stoicism. They are divided by temperament, by an act of malice, and, in time, by death, and the book is at its best in the realms of intimacy, tracing the inroads made by too keen an appraisal of the manoeuverings of others.

But in the end, it is really a book about unhappiness, in all its shapes, as it "lingers on the door knobs, the coffee table, like fingerprints after the murder of a day". It is a novel of considerable power and perception, but it makes admirable rather than easy reading, because in its relentlessness there is no room for escape.

Caroline Moorehead

Law and disorder

Spike Island: Portrait of a Police Division, by James McClure (Pan, £1.95)

Cops and robbers have never seemed quite the same since Tony Garnett and G. F. Newman's television series, *Law and Order*. Just three programmes were quite enough to dispel a hundred preconceptions built up through years of watching *Z Cars* and *The Sweeney*.

The persuasive strength of *Law and Order* lay in its refusal to place policemen and villains on opposite sides of the fence. Here they were, almost for the first time, speaking the same language, living in the same underworld, bargaining and counter-bargaining; almost interchangeable. It was not, as some critics complained, simply a story of police corruption, but rather a refreshing recognition that the police could only do the job we give them by playing at least part of the criminals' game. A sort of primitive justice emerged, in which professional criminals got their deserts not through the assiduous collection of clues and the gradual accumulation of hard evidence, but rather through collusion between the police and paid (or *blackmailed*) *informers*.

The policemen and ex-villains that I've spoken to about the series have been quick to acknowledge its validity, with one important reservation. Garnett and Newman got it exactly right, they admit. But only for the Metropolitan Police. Matters are different away from London. Professional crime on such a scale is relatively unknown, and most police work in "the sticks" is with small-time hoods and hooligans where "deals" and "informers" hardly matter.

James McClure is the Garnett-Newman of the provinces. The town here is Liverpool, and although there's no shortage of crime in the police division to which the author attached himself (Merseyside is said to have the country's worst law-and-order problem, and "A" division takes the brunt of the increase in violence and disorder), the style of crime hardly fits into the Law-and-Order format. The criminals here are burglars, muggers, vandals and tearaways, whose outbursts are more often prompted by a perceived insult, or a bellyfull of drink, than by any rational plan.

Not that we get much direct evidence of their own reasons for criminal involvement. McClure travels only with the police, and his book is very much a celebration of how a bunch of overworked and under-equipped coppers somehow preserve a sense of humour and decency while striving night after night to keep uneasy peace in the streets of central Liverpool.

Some of his informants are just a bit too good to be true, smelling more of Mills and Boon than Merseyside. The section sergeant is "quizzical, idiosyncratic, an incorrigible realist with the appearance of a Saxon gladiator turned centurion", while the chief superintendent is "self-assured, courteous and open, his speech gently modulated, and his eyes have a warmth to counterpoint their astuteness".

Fortunately, most of the book is about what these people actually do on their incessant round of clubs and council houses and bus shelters and waste land. And here there can be few complaints about accuracy. In his 500 pages, McClure provides a wholly credible sense of the pointless nastiness of much of the crime and deviance in this tatty urban scene; a tight close-up on a long list of social problems which, although created by factors well outside any police jurisdiction, are nevertheless gratefully passed over to them for solution. Small wonder that this compelling book can bring no promise of improvement; only news of the precariousness of the present efforts at containment.

Laurie Taylor

West goes East

Karma Cola, by Gita Mehta (Fontana, £1.50)

This is a very zippy short book, much praised when it first appeared in the United States, in 1979. Jonathan Raban put her style in a nutshell. She has "a mixture of waspish cheek and mandarin hauteur".

Gita Mehta's prose brilliantly buzzes with a fresh style. Sometimes she turns a phrase as delicate as a butterfly. Sometimes a furious satirical barb as painful as a wasp sting—but never a bee. She is not to be the Jack Kerouac but the Tom Wolfe to her subject. Like Andy Warhol she lives to see another era.

The subject is hippies—and gurus. Rich kids from the West gone East. There are now over a million émigrés from Advanced Society living in self imposed, chosen dire straits—out there. I've seen more white beggars in some bazaars than untouchables. Places like Poona nowadays seethe with religious rudies. "Bloody nuisance", Indians are beginning to call them—but what a river, a veritable Ganges of copy they provide for Gita Mehta.

The blonde long haired druggies on bikes. A swarm of cheeky tired love on the bone white beaches of Goa. Hypodermic events. Corruption and despair. Green toe nails. Red bed bug bitten freaks dressed in silly maroon pantaloons, chanting religious nonsense of which India has plenty—and some Indians have done so very, very well in the export market in gurus—no one can touch the Indians for Swamis and Maharishis advertising themselves on the London Underground.

Gita Mehta wanted to shimmy and the hippy came out wanting to learn the rope trick. She, like her countrymen wanted the gadgets of the modern world, and the hippies came to escape the gadgetry. As she puts it . . .

. . . this caravanserai of libertine celebrants who were wiping away the proprieties of caste, race, and sex by sheer stoned incomprehension. The seduction lay in the chaos. They thought they were simple. We thought they were neon. They thought we were profound. We knew we were provincial. Everybody thought everybody else was ridiculously exotic and everybody got it wrong.

It is a super book to read. Gita Mehta, a jet planing Indian herself, is in just the right position to eye the paradox. She comes from New Delhi, educated at Bombay University and Cambridge. Her cleverness shows.

It is the Indian consolation to know:

that everything, and every perception is a con, and worse, a self-induced con, a view enshrined in the Hindu concept of Maya. As a result, too many visitors take the masquerade as incontrovertible fact.

Her own perception is full of clever modern tricks—it is a remarkable book, but her cleverness in the end—particularly on a second reading—becomes exasperating. She is addicted to talking to the endlessly cross eyed. And there is no dealing with those who've left the West to be Buddhists or Muslim. Lots of colour but not much substance. She skimps serious matter. She is not a serious writer. Hearsay is married to fact. Her interviews are long on hustlers and short on depth.

She talks to a weird French girl who lives under a tree and fancies herself the new Mother of the Auroville ashram, Pondicherry—but nothing on the ideas of the original "Mother"—who was companion to Sri Aurobindo, buddy of Mahatma—the *other* Gandhi, Indira's generation's children don't want to hear about.

I wouldn't want my criticism of it as a sketch to put anyone off. It's a spiffing sketch. A joy to read.

Ray Gosling

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Sunday 5 April 7.30 p.m.	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. John Pritchard (cond.). Joaquin Achucarro (piano) (pl. note change). Delius Brigg Fair; Rachmaninov Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini; Sibelius Symphony No. 2. £1.60, £2.40, £3.30, £4.30, £5, £6. LPO Ltd.
Monday 6 April 5.55 p.m.	CONCERT PLATFORM. (RFH Waterloo Room). Seventh in a series of talks arranged in collaboration with Morley College. Robert Anderson on Elgar's Enigma Variations to be performed later in the evening. The talk will be followed by informal discussion. 80p. Royal Festival Hall
Monday 6 April 8 p.m.	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA. Simon Rattle (conductor). Imogen Cooper (piano). Janacek Sinfonietta; Ravel Piano Concerto in G; Elgar Enigma Variations. £1.20, £3.30, £4.20, £6 (ONLY). Philharmonia Ltd.
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Wednesday 8 April 5.55 p.m.	BACH ORGAN FESTIVAL. Franz Lehrndorfer. Vivaldi/Lehrndorfer Allegro from Conc. in C; Bach Chorale Vars: Sei gegrüsset, Jesu gütig. BWV 768; Conc. BWV 597 (Opus dubium); Reger Sonata No. 2 in D minor, Op. 60; Improvisation on a submitted theme. £1.20. Royal Festival Hall
Wednesday 8 April 8 p.m.	BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. BBC Singers. Elgar Howarth (cond.). Alison Hargan, Cynthia Buchan, Roderic Keating, Dieter Weller. Haydn Symphony No. 99; Kodály Peacock Vars; Ligeti Scenes & Interludes from Le Grand Macabre. £1.60, £2.40, £3.30, £4.20, £5, £6 BBC
Thursday 9 April 8 p.m.	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA. Riccardo Muti (conductor). Robert Cohen (cello). Purcell Chacony in G minor; Schumann Cello Concerto; Beethoven Symphony No. 7. £1.20, £3.30, £4.30, £6 (ONLY). Philharmonia Ltd.
Friday 10 April 8 p.m.	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Eugen Jochum (conductor). Jacques Klein (piano). Strauss Don Juan; Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 5 (Emperor); Brahms Symphony No. 2. £1.60, £2.40, £3.30, £4.30 (ONLY). LPO Ltd.
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Monday 13 April 8 p.m.	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA. Charles Dutoit (conductor). Yefim Bronfman (piano). Mendelssohn Overture, Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage; Saint-Saëns Piano Concerto No. 2; Brahms Symphony No. 1. £1, £1.50, £2.50, £3.50, £4 (ONLY). In aid of British ORT
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Wednesday 15 April 8 p.m.	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Erich Leinsdorf (conductor). Misha Dichter (piano). Weber Overture, Oberon; Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 4; Bartók Concerto for Orchestra. £1.60, £2.40, £3.30, £3.80, £4.20, £5, £6. RPO Ltd.
Thursday 16 April 8 p.m. Sun 19 7.30 p.m.	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. London Symphony Chorus. Sergiu Celibidache (cond.). Isobel Buchanan, Alan Titus. Brahms Ein deutsches Requiem. (There will be no interval during this performance.) £3, £4, £5, £6, £7 (ONLY). LSO Ltd.
Friday 17 April 5 p.m.	LONDON CHORAL SOCIETY. Haberdashers' Boys' Choir. English Chamber Orch., Nicholas Cleobury (cond.). Anthony Rolfe Johnson, Carl Appelgren, Norma Burrowes, Ann Murray, Philip Langridge, Stephen Roberts. Bach St. Matthew Passion. £2.50, £3.50, £4.75, £5.75, £6.50, £7. LCS

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Sunday 5 April 3 p.m.	MARTIN HUGHES (piano). Schubert Sonata in A minor, D.537; Beethoven Sonata in F minor, Op. 57 (Appassionata); Schubert Sonata in A, D.959. £1, £1.50, £2, £2.50. Kirckman Concert Society Ltd.
Sunday 5 April 7.15 p.m.	WIND HARMONIE. Robert Bourton (dir.). Weber March for Harmonie; Milhaud Symphony No. 5; Mozart Divertimento in E flat, K.226; Josephs Concerto a dodici; Donizetti Sinfonia in G minor; Stravinsky Octet; Françaix Le Gay Paris. £1, £1.60, £2.10, £2.70, £3.20.
Monday 6 April 7.45 p.m.	SONS AND LOVERS (A). Dean Stockwell, Wendy Hiller, Trevor Howard, Mary Ure & Heather Sears in the 1959 film of the novel by D. H. Lawrence. (This replaces the Amadeus Quartet concert which has been cancelled.) £2. Distributed by Rank Film Distributors
Tuesday 7 April 7.45 p.m.	BERLIN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA DDR. Heinz Schunk (leader). John Wilbraham (tpt.). J. C. Bach Symphony in E flat; Torelli Trumpet Conc. in D; Tartini Violin Conc. in D minor; Albinoni Trumpet Conc. in B flat; Dvořák String Serenade in E. £1.20, £2, £2.60, £3.40, £4.20. Harold Holt
Wednesday 8 April 7.45 p.m.	GERAINT JONES ORCHESTRA. Geraint Jones (conductor/organ). Sioned Williams (harp). Handel Concerto Grosso Op. 6 No 1; Harp Concerto; Three Organ Concertos: No. 1 in G minor, No. 5 in F and No. 15 in D minor. £2, £2.50, £3. Kirckman Concert Society Ltd.
Thursday 9 April 7.45 p.m.	DAVID WARD (piano). Mozart Vars on a Minuet by Duport, K.573; Adagio in B minor, K.540; Sonata in A minor, K.310; Beethoven Allegretto for Piringer, WoO 61; Sonata in E minor, Op. 90; Schubert Moments Musicaux, D.780, Nos. 4-6. £1.50, £2, £2.40, £2.90, £3.50. Martin Bloomfield
Friday 10 April 7.45 p.m.	RICHARD HICKOX SINGERS. City of London Sinfonia. Richard Hickox (cond.). Patrizia Kwella, Sally Burgess, Martyn Hill, Stephen Roberts. Telemann Machet die Tore weit; Der Tod Jesu. £1.60, £2.50, £3.20, £3.90, £4.50. R. Hickox Singers & Orc
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Sunday 12 April 3 p.m.	IMOGEN COOPER (piano). Haydn Sonata in F, Hob XVI 23; Schubert Sonata in A minor, D.845; Liszt Three Concert Studies: in A flat, in F minor & in D flat; Bartók Fourteen Bagatelles, Op. 6. £1, £1.50, £2, £2.50. Ingpen and Williams Ltd.
Sunday 12 April 7.15 p.m.	LONDON MOZART PLAYERS. Harry Blech (conductor). Mark Lubin (violin). Mozart Symphony No. 14; Violin Concerto in G, K.216; Divertimento in F, K.138; Violin Concerto in D, K.218. £1.20, £1.80, £2.80, £3.70, £4.60. Lindys Restrnts & Paths.
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Tuesday 14 April 7.45 p.m.	TILFORD BACH CHOIR & ORCHESTRA. Denys Darlow (cond.). Rogers Covey-Crump (Evangelist). David Thomas (Christus). Gillian Fisher, Charles Brett, Adrian Thompson, Stephen Varcoe. Bach St. John Passion (in German). £2, £3, £4, £4.50, £5. Tilford Bach Fest. Choir & Orch.
Wednesday 15 April 7.45 p.m.	ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA. Winchester Cathedral Choir. M. Neary (cond.). R. Cunningham, W. Kendall, I. Caddy. Bach Cantata No. 12; Motets for Holy Week by Tallis, Gibbons, Philips & Taverner; Howells Missa Aedis Christi; Fauré Requiem. £1.60, £2.60, £3.30, £4.20 (ONLY). ECO Music Soc. Ltd.
Thursday 16 April 7.45 p.m.	JEAN-PHILIPPE COLLARD (piano). Schumann Drei Fantasiestücke, Op. 111; Ravel Gaspard de la Nuit; Rachmaninov Etudes Tableaux, Op. 33 Nos. 2 & 3; Sonata No. 2 in B flat minor, Op. 36. £1, £1.60, £2.10, £2.70, £3.20. Basil Douglas Ltd.
Friday 17 April 7.45 p.m.	LES PETITS CHANTEURS DE ST FRANCOIS DE VERSAILLES. Y. Athenont (cond.). 30th Anniversary Tour. Music for boys' choir, inc. Vittoria O Magnum Mysterium; Allegri Miserere; & wks by Palestrina, Poulenc & Milhaud. £1.20, £2.60, £3.70, £4.50, £5.30. French Emb/City of Vers

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Monday 6 April 7.30 p.m.	ELIZABETH BRICE (soprano). Phillip Thomas (piano). Fauré La Bonne Chanson; With songs by Handel, Schubert, Tchaikovsky and Barber. £1, £1.50. Kirckman Concert Society Ltd.
Tuesday 7 April 7.30 p.m.	ELIZABETH WOLFF (piano). Beethoven Sonata in E flat, Op. 27 No. 1; Rachmaninov Six Moments Musicaux, Op. 16; Mozart Ten Variations on an Air of C. W. Gluck, K.455; Schubert Fantasia in C, D.760 (Wanderer). £1, £1.50, £2. Lilian Wick Concert Mgmt.
Wednesday 8 April 7.30 p.m.	JILLIAN MASCALL (soprano). GILLIAN CRACKNELL (piano). MICHAEL PONDER (viola). ALAN BROWN (piano). Schubert Lieder; Rebecca Clarke Sonata; Granados Maja Dolorosa—Tre tonadillas; Bax Sonata; Britten Cabaret Songs. £1, £1.50, £2. Westmorland Concs Royal Ac. of Mus.
Friday 10 April 7.30 p.m.	ROSE ANDRESIER (gtr.). ROSEMARY HARDY (sop.). OLIVER DAVIES (pno.). Bartok Hungarian Folk Songs; Songs to Poems by Ady; Village Scenes; Tansman Suite "In Modo Polonico"; Tucapsky Soliloquies; Seiber French Folk Songs. £1.20, £1.50, £1.80. Daniels Concert Mgmt.
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Tuesday 7 April 7.30 p.m.	TAMAS VESMAS piano £2.80, £2.20, £1.60, £1. Ingpen & Williams Ltd.	Brahms Series 2 of 3. Bach-Brahms: Chaconne, arr. for left hand; Brahms: 7 Fantasien Op. 116, 4 Ballads Op. 10, Vars. & Fugue on a theme by Handel, Op. 24.
Wednesday 8 April 7.30 p.m.	HENRY HERFORD bar. ROBIN BOWMAN piano £2.80, £2.20, £1.60, £1. Amelia Freedman	Schubert: Songs; Debussy: 3 Ballades de François Villon; Britten: Songs & Proverbs of William Blake; Ravel: Histoires naturelles; Butterworth: 6 songs from A Shropshire Lad.
Thursday 9 April 7.30 p.m.	THE MUSIC PARTY Dir. Alan Hacker £3, £2.30, £1.80, £1.20. Early Music Network.	From Haydn to Beethoven: Haydn: Horn Trio in E flat; Krommer: Clarinet Quintet in D; Beethoven: Septet in E flat.
Friday 10 April 7.30 p.m.	TESSA UYS piano £2.80, £2.20, £1.60, £1. Esmé Bird.	Schubert: Sonata in A D.664; Bartok: 15 Hungarian Peasant Songs; McCabe: Variations Op 22; Beethoven: Sonata Op. 57 "Appassionata"; Schubert: 3 Songs (trans. Godowsky).
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Sunday 12 April 3.30 p.m.	YURI MAZURKEVICH violin PETER KATIN piano £2.80, £2.20, £1.60, £1.	Mozart: Sonata in B flat; Prokofiev: Sonata No. 2; Tartini: Sonata in G min. "Devil's Trill"; Franck: Sonata. John Higham International Artists Ltd.
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Monday 13 April 7.30 p.m.	MICHALA PETRI TRIO £3.50, £3, £2.30, £1.50. Wigmore Master Concerts. Clarion Concert Agency.	Michala Petri recorders, David Petri cello, Hanne Petri hpschd. Prog. inc. Sonatas for rec. by Handel & Holmboe, wks. for treble rec. by Corelli & Berio; Vivaldi: Rec. Conc. in C
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Wednesday 15 April 7.30 p.m.	MUSICIANS OF THE ROYAL EXCHANGE £2.80, £2.20, £1.60, £1. Composers Series: Dvorak/Esmé Bird	Elisabeth Perry, Krystyna Osostowicz, Alexander Balanescu, Moray Welsh, Angela Malsbury, Philip Eastop, Anthony Goldstone. Quintets by Schumann & Fibich, Dvorak: Str. Trio.
Thursday 16 April 7.30 p.m.	JEAN DEPLACE cello £2.80, £2.20, £1.60, £1.	Bach: Sonata in D; Schumann: 3 Fantasiestücke Op. 73; Debussy: Sonata; Poulenc: Sonata. John Higham International Artists Ltd.
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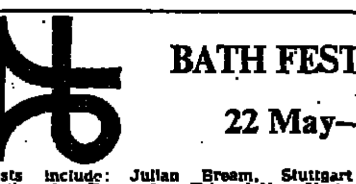
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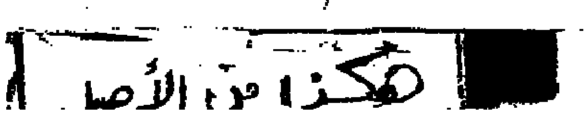
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COLUMBIA, Shaftesbury Ave. [...] 5414). Gene Wilder & Ri[chard] Pryor STIR CRAZY (AA). Progs. 2.00 (not Sun), [...] 6.20, 8.30. Late show Fri. & [Sat.] 11 p.m.
CURZON, Curzon St., W.1. [...] 3737 BURT LANCASTER, SU[SAN] SARANDON in LOUIS MAL[LE'S] ATLANTIC CITY (AA). Film [at] 2.00 (not Sun), 4.05, 6.20, [...] "I like this film intense[ly]" Alexander Walker, New Stand[ard].
DOMINION Tott. Court Rd., [...] 9562) MOONRAKER (A) [...] SPY WHO LOVED ME [...] Cont. progs. wks: 1.30, [...] Sun. 3.30, 5.46. [...]
EMPIRE, Leicester Square. [...] 1234. Seats bookable for the [...] evening performance [...] Alexander Walker New [Standard] Advance box office open [...] a.m. to 7 p.m. (not Suns). C[redit] card telephone bookings [...] Teledata 200 0200. Albert Finney [...] Martin Sheen LOOPHOLE [...] Sep. progs. daily [...] Suns.), 3.30, 6.00, 8.30 [...] show Sat 11.15 p.m. [...] ING APRIL 9 "TESS" [...] A Roman Polanski Film [...] VANCE BOX OFFICE N[OW] OPEN. Now: Ritz Leic[ester] Square THE LONG GOOD [FRI]DAY 12.30 (X). Sep. pr[ogs.] daily 12.30 (not Suns.), [...] 5.45, 8.30. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.15 p.m.
GATE CINEMA. Nott. Hill [...] 0220/727 5750. LA CAGE [AUX] FOLLES II (AA) 12.30, [...] 4.00, 3.30, 7.40, 9.30. DRIVER (X) & [...] BERTHA (X) 11.15 [...]
GATE TWO CINEMA. [...] 1177. Russ Sq Tube. [...] HUSSAIN (AA) 1.00 [...] 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. PER[FORM]ANCE (X) and DON['T LOOK] NOW (X), 11.00 pm. [...]
GATE THREE CINEMA. [...] 485 2156 Camden Town [...] KAGEMUSHA (A) 2.[...] 8.15. PERFORMANCE [...] THE MAN WHO FELL TO [EARTH] (X) 11.00 pm. Lic'd bar.
GATE MAYFAIR 493 2031 [...] FAIR HOTEL, Stratton St. [...] Park. Tb. KAGEMUSHA [...] 3.45, 5.30, 8.30.
MINEMA, 45 Knightsbridge. [...] 4225/6 Judy Davis—winner [of] British Academy Award [for] actress, best newcomer [...] performance in "MY BRILLIANT CAREER" (U). Daily [...] 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. Extra [...] Fri., Sat. at 11.00 [...]
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ODEON MARBLE ARCH [...] 2011/2). THE KIDNAPPING [OF] THE PRESIDENT [...] Progs. Drs. Open Dly. [...] Sun.), 4.15, 7.30. Late [...] Show Fri. & Sat. Drs. [...] 10.35 p.m.
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Collecting

It all began with Captain Cook

Australians are still putting down their roots. For two, four or more generations, the majority have sprung from English, Irish, Welsh or Scottish stock. Those are proud indeed who can trace their origins to convict beginnings. The record offices are busy with amateur but serious genealogists and many hundreds come to Britain each year seeking out distant relations and even people with the same surname in the towns and villages from which their family set out.

So it is not surprising that to Australians book collecting is, by and large, collecting books about Australia, and in every antiquarian and secondhand bookshop there is a wall of "Australiana". In the grandest of them, like McCormick's in Sydney or Kenneth Hince in Melbourne, you will find the great and early books such as the first account of Captain Cook's three voyages, published between 1773 and 1785 in eight quarto volumes, and a folio of magnificent copperplate engravings. Fifty years ago a set could have been bought in London from Muggs or Francis Edwards for £25. Today it costs the Australian equivalent of £4,000-£5,000.

The first serious book-collector in Australia was David Scott Mitchell, after whom the Mitchell Library in the State Library of New South Wales is named. When he died in 1907 he left some 61,000 volumes as well as a large body of manuscripts, maps and prints, and since he believed that collecting should not cease with his death he generously endowed the library so that it could continue to gather further related material. Today the Mitchell Library has more than 400,000 volumes of printed books and manuscripts and is the world's greatest collection relating to Australia and the Southern Hemisphere.

The Late Rex Nan Kivell of the Redfern Gallery in London also spent his life collecting pictures, prints, books and manuscripts on Australia and the Southern Pacific. His collection is now in the National Library at Canberra. Never again will those unique treasures come on the market. That does not mean that there is not a lot left to collect.

Kenneth Hince holds book auctions in Melbourne twice a year, largely devoted to books of Australian interest. At one of them a fine copy of Matthew Flinders's *A Voyage to Terra Australis, undertaken for the purpose of completing the discovery of that vast country*, published in London in 1814, fetched A$11,700 (£5,850) and at another Lieutenant Dale's two folding panoramic views of King George's Sound in a hand-coloured mezzotint of 1834 made A$9,200 (£4,600). It is, however, the less expensive books which occupy the time and space of most booksellers and collectors.

Berkelouw's, who were established in Amsterdam in 1812 and opened in Sydney in 1948, now issue a steady stream of Australian local history catalogues from their farm at Berrima. These are lists of books ranging in price from A$5 to A$500 and in subject matter from *The fossils of Queensland* to *Highway robbery under arms*.

Berkelouw's have recently rebuilt one of their farm buildings, transforming it into a magnificent book barn. Here they intend a kind of Hay-on-Wye operation with thousands of inexpensive books, unlimited parking space and an adventure playground with soft drinks for bookbuyers' non-bookish off-spring. Berrima is on the Canberra road about 90 minutes' drive from Sydney and rather more from Canberra.

There are collectors of most aspects of Australian life and endeavour: railways, printing, the labour movement, theatre, wine growing, industry and so on. Tim and Anne McCormick made a catalogue devoted entirely to Australian books on the arts. It contained more than 1,000 items, including artists' monographs, exhibition catalogues, Australian book illustrators, and just about everything by the Lindsay family. The prices ranged from A$2 to A$1,750, demonstrating that collecting is not just a rich man's hobby. Australian children's books, they say, are to be the subject of a future catalogue.

In every major town and city booksellers proliferate. On a recent visit I counted five major antiquarian bookshops in Sydney and four in Melbourne, and there are many more who have no pretentions to being antiquarian but just plain, honest-to-goodness secondhand. Joan Sanderson and her husband at Carlingford, a few miles out of Sydney, are one of these. With their own hands they have restored a small, stone-built Nonconformist chapel and turned it into a bookshop which is reminiscent of a college library.

From them I bought the collected edition of the works of Walter Bagehot in 10 volumes published in 1915. Indeed to the stranger it is not Australiana but the other books that appeal. Who would expect to find Robert Fulton's *A treatise on the improvement of canal navigation*, 1796, one of the earliest books to describe the building of canal locks, on the shelves of Margaret Woodhouse in Macquarie Street, Sydney, or the *Reports of the Commissioners of Woods and Forests*, 1809-16, which published the original plans for laying out London's Regent's Park, at Peter Arnold's in Melbourne?

A small collection of early books on the workings of tramways was perhaps more predictable from Kay Craddock, also of Melbourne, for travelling in trams is still one of the pleasures of that elegant Victorian city. In Melbourne again is quite the finest printshop anywhere outside Europe and America. It is a branch of Robert Douwma and echoes his London shop with periodic exhibitions of Piranesi and fine flower and bird prints as well as Australian and Pacific maps and views.

New Zealand is much the same, with many bookshops and a great interest in its own history which strengthens the influence of its conservation lobby. What a green and pleasant land it is. No wonder the early travellers wrote about it with such rapture. Anah Dunsheath of Auckland has most of the classics of New Zealand travel and first editions of many New Zealand authors such as Katherine Mansfield.

I asked her for that rare pamphlet of Samuel Butler, *Darwin among the machines*, which he wrote while still a young sheep farmer in New Zealand and which forms the nucleus of *Erewhon*. So far a copy has eluded her. But among the haphazard piles of books in her arcade bookshop I found the early issues of *Architectural Review* still in their original wrappers with the advertisements intact; Shank's Patent Wash-Down Closet, Waring and Gillow's New Wallpaper, Robert Boyle's Airpump Ventilator, Pilkington's Tile & Pottery Company, Twyford's Adamant Fire-clay Urinals, Walter Macfarlane's Electric Light Pillars, etc. How Britain spread her civilization, her commerce and her comforts to the farthest corners of the earth!

Back in Australia (what's 1600 miles these days . . . One weekend we went to Leura. My wife had been sent there unwillingly for childhood holidays — holidays she would have preferred to spend on Manly Beach. It is a small and charming town with English gardens and Scottish names like Balmoral Avenue, but above all it has breathtaking views of the Blue Mountains. Where once had been, perhaps, a general store was now a secondhand bookshop. There was the usual wall of Australian history, sets of Walter Scott, Dickens and Thackeray, even a row of Charlotte M. Yonge, and several shelves of other novels. What had they of architecture? Well, just a few. A 1910 set of books on house building, a copy of *Everyman his own plumber* and so on.

In the centre of the shop was a glass case with a collection of theatre programmes. Not that I cared much, but could I see them please? There, carefully preserved, were late programmes of Henry Irving and Ellen Terry at the Lyceum; *The Bells, The Merchant of Venice, The Corsican Brothers*, and among the rest some early plays of Bernard Shaw at the Royal Court. There was also a neatly tied packet of Gilbert & Sullivan programmes at the Savoy, "Proprietor & Manager R D'Oyly Carte".

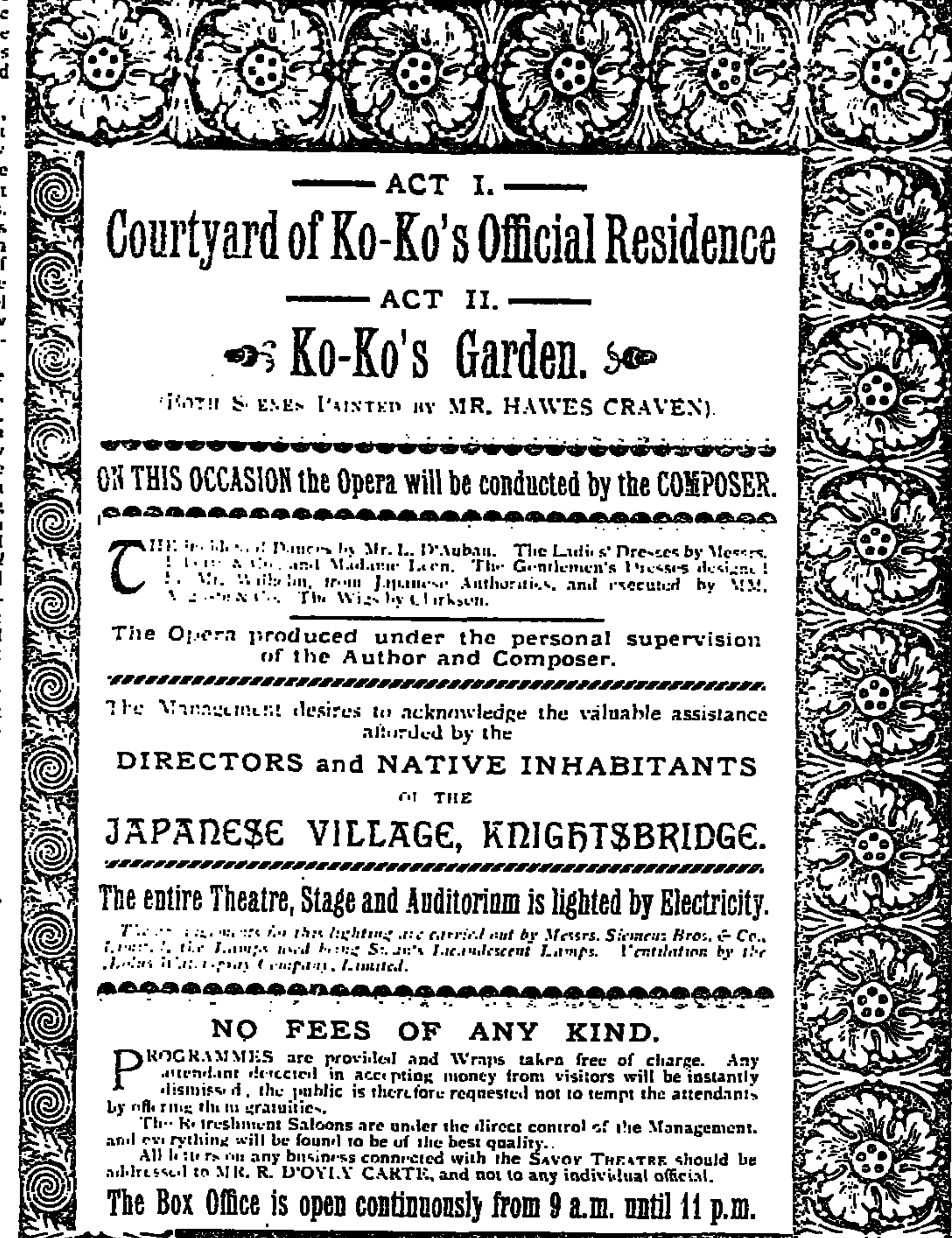
Many years ago, each Saturday, I would go book-hunting in the outer suburbs of London with Cecil Hopkinson, an elegant bookseller, much my senior, who although not wealthy had more pounds than I had pence. He was both peppery and charming and carried with him a detailed and esoteric knowledge of musical history and literature (since published in several highly esteemed bibliographies). Several times in those years we came across similar bundles of Gilbert & Sullivan programmes. They were, he said, very common and of no consequence to the collector unless, in the very unlikely event, they announced in bold letters *On this occasion the opera will be conducted by the composer*. That meant it was the programme for the first performance. Never to my knowledge did he run across one.

As I turned over this pile I recalled my memory of him, much as the original owner would have relived his days of theatre-going, and there it was; *The Mikado* "*On this occasion . . .*" Thousands of miles away in the mountains behind Sydney and nearly 100 years after the event, the programme of the very first night of the most famous comic opera of all.

I bought the lot, not just the plum, and as I called down a blessing on the memory of my old friend I prayed also that there would be no end to the excitement of book-hunting.

Ben Weinreb

The author is an antiquarian bookseller.


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The Mikado: programme for a famous first night

Bridge

Unusual pairs

The final stage of the British Bridge League Selection Trials was held in London in mid March. Eight pairs had qualified from an earlier trial in Birmingham at the end of January. In the intervening weeks, the selectors performed the delicate task of forming the pairs into teams. Those pairs finishing in the first three in Birmingham were given a choice of team-mates (subject to the selectors approval). The winners, Mervis and Calderwood, chose their regular companions, Dixon and Silverstone, and the Scottish pair, Kelsey and McGonagle, who had been second in Birmingham, chose Armstrong and Kirby.

As the remaining pairs were not homogeneous, the selectors were obliged to act as a lonely hearts bureau. They showed the skill of the practised consultant who, with no blondes fond of sport available, persuades the suitor that a music-loving brunette would prove just as compatible.

The line-up was completed by aligning Rose and Sheehan with Pencharz and Brock, and Collings and Hackett with Sowter and Lodge. The bridge tipsters made the Dixon team favourites, and swiftly proved themselves as unreliable as their racing colleagues.

It was a good thing that spectators were as scarce as swallows in February, for the trials were conducted in cramped surroundings. Even if the use of bidding boxes precluded the possibility of hearing the bidding at another table, theoretically, nothing could have prevented the occasional revealing comment in the post-mortem from being overheard.

I do not suggest for one moment that any competitor would use such unauthorized information. But suppose a player takes an unusual decision blatantly at variance with the odds, and it is succesful. Would it not be natural for his opponent to allow a possibly unworthy suspicion to deflect him from concentrating exclusively on the game?

To place this extra burden on the players' concentration in a serious tournament can never be justified.

This hand supplied a good test for aspiring analysts. At all four tables, the contract was three no trumps. Teams trials. Game all. Dealer West. Mervis v Pencharz:

West	North	East
	♠Q ♡A1082 ♢AK764 ♣AJ3	
♠83 ♡KQJ973 ♢Q2 ♣Q65	N / W E / S	♠J10654 ♡65 ♢J105 ♣K74
	♠AK972 ♡4 ♢983 ♣10982	

Opening lead ♡K.
This was the bidding at the table where I was watching.

West Sheehan	North Calderwood	East Rose	South Mervis
2 Diamonds[1]	2 Hearts[2]	No	2 No Trumps
3 No Trumps	No	No	No

[1] The multi-coloured two diamonds, which can be a weak two-bid in either major, a strong, balanced hand or a strong 4-4-4-1.
[2] A take-out double of a weak two spades.

Mervis correctly ducked the ♡K (at another table, declarer took the ♡A at once and should subsequently have been defeated had the defence not gone astray). Sheehan persisted with the ♡Q, which Mervis took with dummy's ♡A.

After cashing the ♢AK, Mervis released the ♠Q before putting East on play with the ♢J. Rose appreciated that if the defence was to have any chance, his partner must hold the ♣Q10. Accordingly he switched to the ♣K. Because of the strength of his club intermediates, Mervis had no further problem in making nine tricks. With a sight of all four hands the clever ones suggested that if Sheehan had switched to a spade at trick two, the contract would have been defeated. Declarer has a counter. Before playing three rounds of diamonds, he cashes the ♡A. Once again, East is forced to open the club suit. If, when East Switches to the ♣K, declarer wins with dummy's ♣A, he is indeed defeated because West's hearts are winners. But declarer does not play dummy's ♣A, *he unblocks with the ♣J*, leaving the defence powerless.

With one round left to play the scores were Collings 61, Pencharz 58, McGonagle 46, Mervis 32. In the final round, Pencharz played against McGonagle, and Collings faced Mervis. Surprisingly, at halftime both leaders were losing, Pencharz by 15 IMPs and Collings by 17. In theory, with only 12 boards to play, it was possible for McGonagle to overtake both the leaders. This sort of desperate situation seems to bring out the best in Irving Rose. In the last 12 boards he subjected his luckless opponents to a barrage of harrying bids. Here is an instructive example of an apparently suicidal but in fact well-conceived intervention. East West game. Dealer West.

West	North	East
	♠AJ10 ♡J4 ♢Q10764 ♣J76	
♠KQ85 ♡AQ983 ♢AKJ3 ♣—	N / W E / S	♠2 ♡K1062 ♢982 ♣AK1042
	♠97643 ♡75 ♢5 ♣Q9853	

West Armstrong	North Sheehan	East Kirby	South Rose
1 Club[1]	No	2 Clubs[2]	2 Spades
Double	No	No	No

[1] Precision club, at least 16 points.
[2] Positive, showing clubs

In the manner of some rubber bridge players, Sheehan started by gravely displaying a dummy containing a singleton ♠10, only later contributing the other invaluable spade honours. It is a tribute to the sporting spirit of their opponents that everyone laughed, not really at Sheehan's old joke, but at the exceptionally lucky dummy that Rose had found. The defence could not extract more than 500 from two spades doubled, which was a poor compensation for the vulnerable six hearts that was bid at the other table.

Rose's gambit achieved a psychological ascendancy which is partly responsible for their victory by 17 VPs to 3.

Meanwhile, Collings had also staged a successful counter-attack, and when the smoke cleared his team had defeated Mervis by 14 VPs to 6. This left a tie between Pencharz and Collings with 75 VPs each. The drama was not over, The Collings team was fined one VP for slow play. Whatever the shortcomings of the trials, there was no lack of excitement.

The final scores: Pencharz, Brock, Sheehan, Rose 75 VPs; Collings, Hackett, Sowter, Lodge 74; McGonagle, Kelsey, Armstrong, Kirby 49; Mervis, Calderwood, Dixon, Silverstone 36.

While the selectors retired to consider their verdict, we were left to wonder what would have happened if instead of being paired with the musical brunette, our suitor had been matched with the redhead who adored ice skating and poetry.

Subsequently, the British Bridge League announced the following team for the European Championships in Birmingham in July: Sheehan and Rose; Collings and Hackett; Sowter and Lodge.

Everyone will wish the team the best of luck. Equally, no one can fail to feel considerable sympathy for Pencharz and Brock, who won the trials but failed to catch the selectors' eye.

Jeremy Flint

Chess

A great school closes

With the death of Edward Lasker in New York last week there passed the last master representative of the Tarrasch school of play. It might be asked how this could be since the heyday of the Tarrasch era was the 1890s. Well, Lasker was 95 when he died and the Tarrasch school was really in command of international chess right up to the 1930s.

True, the Hypermodern School headed by such remarkable figures as Nimzowitsch, Réti, Breyer and Tartakower made some sort of a breach in Tarrasch's classical theories in the 1920s, but it was not as permanent or effective as the Hypermoderns claimed. Fundamentally, Tarrasch was right and the Hypermoderns, while not exactly wrong, were on a side turning rather than the main line of theory. In the long run it will be found that Tarrasch's *Three Hundred Games of Chess* contains more valid and reasonable instruction for the aspiring student than Reti's *Modern Ideas in Chess*.

Edward Lasker, who gained a great deal of vicarious and misleading *renommée* through being a relative of the great Emanuel Lasker, was, for most of his long life, never much more than a minor master and only for a short period a good international master. He never, for instance, won the US championship, and though Andrew Soltis states in my Encyclopaedia that he came tenth in the great international tournament at New York in 1924 he omits to mention that there were only 11 players. Yet it was still a good performance. In a double-round event he scored victories over Reti and Tartakower and made the equal score of two draws with Alekhine.

But Lasker's chief claim to fame came in a book, *Schachstrategie*, which he published in Leipzig in 1911 and which appeared under the English title of *Chess Strategy* in London in 1918.

I read it at the age of 16 and found it a fascinating and most rewarding exposition of Tarrasch's ideas. Two or three years later I found Nimsowitsch's *Die Praxis meines Systems* equally fascinating but nowhere near as helpful or convincing. Nearly 40 years later Lasker rewrote *Chess Strategy* under the title *Modern Chess Strategy* with the aim of incorporating the ideas of the Hypermoderns in his work.

But the attempt failed since it became apparent that he had not fully comprehended the ideas of the Hypermoderns and, with the passage of time, his own knowledge and comprehension of the game had deteriorated. This I found out for myself two years after the publication of *Modern Chess Strategy* when he visited England and played in a rather weak Premier Tournament at Hastings, coming equal eighth and ninth out of 10 players. I played him in this tournament and was surprised to find him using a highly anti-positional defence against my Queen's Gambit, as a result of which I beat him in 20-odd moves.

It turned out that the variation Lasker had played was regarded in the United States as a valid defence and for the result of the tournament Lasker pursued me with line after line of this Pinkus variation as it was called. All in vain since I knew the line was unsound. But his dogged persistence was such that I had to take avoiding action when I saw him approaching in the distance.

Though one of the first things a player should learn is how to lose well it is surprising how many lose with an ill grace. There are some, even masters and grandmasters, who have not mastered the art. The German master Heinicke kept me over the board for an hour after he had resigned his game against me at Hamburg in 1955 and I should have been there hours more had not the grandmasters Stahlberg and Pirc, out of the kindness of their hearts (or possibly because they were looking for a fourth to play bridge), sent me a message that someone in London wanted me on the phone.

Equally reprehensible though not perhaps so disconcerting is the case of those who lose and refuse to resign. For example, there was the Soviet grandmaster who lost a wildly played game to me in the last round of my last great international tournament 13 years ago at Kecskemet in Hungary. He got up without saying a word or shaking hands. Some hours later he had relented sufficiently to explain that his anger was over his failure, through his defeat, to gain the grandmaster norm. You, he said, were playing poker, not chess. You cannot imagine the wistful pathos that can be put in the Russian words for playing poker.

We became good friends after this but, who knows, it may have been an unwise step so to play and so to win, since it may have cost me that lucrative position with the KGB which my work in the Foreign Office during the War might be deemed to have merited.

That Edward Lasker was a genuine master in a period from about 1913 to 1930 is shown by the following victory over Richard Reti at the New York tournament of 1924.

White: Ed Lasker. Black: R. Réti. Ruy Lopez.

1	P-K4	P-K4	8	P-B3	O-O
2	N-KB3	N-QB3	9	P-KR3	N-QR4
3	B-N5	P-QR3	10	B-B2	P-B4
4	B-R4	N-B3	11	P-Q4	Q-B2
5	O-O	B-K2	12	QN-Q2	N-Q3
6	R-K1	P-QN4	13	P-Q5	P-B4
7	B-N3	P-Q3			

A weak move that opens up lines of attack for White and allows him the ideal central square on K4 for his pieces; correct was 13. ..,N-N3; and if then 14.N-B1,N-N2; planning to advance the Q side pawns.

14	PxP	N-N3	15	N-K4

Alekhine, in his notes to the game in the tournament book, points out that equally strong was 15.P-KN4,B-N2; 16.N-K4,NxP; 17.N(B3)-N5,BxN; 18.NxB,N-KB5; 19.BxN,PxB; 20.N-K6,Q-B3; 21.B-K4,P-Q4; 22.B-B3, to which he adds the powerful little word "etc". It would be iconoclastic to observe that annotators are wont to write "etc" when they are not quite sure how the game should go.

In any case Ed Lasker confirms the analysis but stops it at move 16, adding the remark "The game almost plays itself", which I take to be the equivalent of "etc".

15		BxP	18	QxB	P-N3
16	N(K4)-N5	Q-Q2	19	Q-K4	BxN
17	P-KN4	BxB			

Hoping to diminish the force of White's attack by removing one of the Knights; otherwise White plays one Knight to K6 and the other to N5.

20	NxB	Q-QN2	22	PxP	QR-K1
21	P-KB4	QxP			

Allowing White to establish a very strong passed pawn on K6, but if instead 22..,PxP; 23.QxQch,NxQ; 24.RxP, N-KB5; 25.BxN,RxB; 26.N-K6 and White wins the QBP eventually.

23	QxQ ch	NxQ	25	R-Q1	N-B2
24	P-K6	R-B3	26	RxP	P-R3

A final mistake that loses the exchange; instead he should have played R-K2.

27	N-K4	R(B3)xP

Or 27..,R-B6;28.K-N2, driving the Rook where it will be attacked by the minor pieces.

28	N-B6 ch	RxN	33	PxP	NxP
29	RxR	K-N2	34	R-N1	N-R4
30	R-Q6	R-K2	35	RxRP	NxR
31	P-N3	P-B5	36	BxR	resigns
32	B-R3	PxP			

As now he loses his QNP after 36..,N-B3; 37.B-Q6.

Harry Golombek

Gardening

Weeds to watch

From now on three thoughts should be in the mind of the conscientious gardener — weed control, watering if need be and staking and tying.

Weeding and thinning need to be done at a very early stage, as soon as the seedlings and weeds are large enough to handle. A delay of a week or so can give young seedlings a serious check from which they never fully recover. Light soils may well need watering after eight or 10 days without rain in April. Heavier soils which retain moisture better can go a bit longer. Watch all trees, shrubs and other plants set out since last autumn and see that they do not want for water.

Provided water is available for newly seeded lawns I would always delay sowing until the end of April or even into May, when the ground has warmed up. The seed will germinate quickly and you need sow only at the rate of about an ounce and a quarter to the square yard. But you must be able to water it because a few dry days with hot sun can shrivel up the tiny seedlings.

We did some patching of worn areas last year using the new fine dwarf version of rye grass, Hunter, and we are very pleased with it. Introduced by Hurst Garden Seeds, Witham, Essex, it is available from stockists of Hurst's Garden Pride Seeds in packs sufficient for about 10 square yards and 40 square yards. In case of difficulty write to the firm at the above address.

We covered the patches with clear plastic sheeting, having first made sure the soil was thoroughly moist. We sowed a rather larger patch at the end of October, not really expecting the seed to germinate, but under its plastic cover it soon came through and we have already given it a first light cut. The mild autumn and early winter favoured it, but I would not recommend sowing grass seed later than late August in the north or the end of September in the south.

Now let us again consider ground cover plants, but from a slightly different angle: perennial plants that will grow quickly and may be easily propagated. Of course some may grow more lushly and quickly than we might wish once they have covered the desired area and will have to be chopped back, but we can't have it both ways, and the more growth they make early on the sooner we can propagate a large number of plants and fill our empty spaces.

Ivies are splendid ground cover plants. There are many varieties, green, golds, white and silver variegated, and they grow happily in sun or shade, splendid for ground under trees. They may be increased rapidly by cuttings from the tips of shoots 3-4in long in a mixture of equal parts by volume of peat and sand. This is best done in July or August. Keep the plants in a frame or under cloches until they are ready to plant out the following year.

The ivy is a curious plant; it will go on producing juvenile or climbing growths, sometimes called "runners", as long as there is something for them to cling to by their aerial roots. When the runners reach the limit of their support — a wall or fence, for example — they produce arborescent or woody growth that does not cling. If you take cuttings of these arborescent growths they make bushy shrubs which do not climb. Cuttings of the runners will produce plants that will continue to run or climb.

When planted as ground cover, most ivies and various other plants will tend to ramble up into any shrub or tree they encounter. This must be discouraged. To hasten the coverage of an area it pays to pinch out the ends of the growths; these shoots may be used as cuttings. Banks are often difficult to cover but *Hypericum calycinum*, the Rose of Sharon, is happy enough on even the driest banks and is easily propagated by cuttings or by dividing the roots in autumn.

A good ground cover plant is the golden *Lonicera*, "Baggesen's Gold", to plant under shrubs or even in the open, but it does need to be clipped back hard each year. The clippings, shoot tips 2-3in long, root easily in soil or even in a jam jar on the kitchen windowsill.

Many plants, including ivies, will root happily in a jar of water. Frank Hanger, who was Curator of the Royal Horticultural Society's garden, used to say with the sweeping hyperbole beloved by my father's generation that anything will root in water if you leave it long enough.

I would not put any money on that, but it is amazing how cuttings of many plants *will* root in water. It is always worth trying a few cuttings of any plant in a jar of water with a couple of lumps of charcoal to keep it sweet.

I have never come across any reports of serious experiments with this method of propagation, and if any readers know of any large-scale trials that have been carried out I would be grateful if they would let me know.

From my inquiries I have only found that when trying to root cuttings of shrubs or any other plants it is necessary to keep the water at a fairly high temperature — 65-70 deg F. So perhaps they should be placed on a shelf near a radiator, if possible, or in an electrically heated propagator. Sometimes cuttings rooted in water do not take kindly to being transferred to a potting compost. A compost for such cuttings should be very light and open, possibly half peat, half sharp sand or Perlite.

There are other climbing plants which will spread horizontally. Honeysuckles are very quick-growing and may be propagated by cuttings. The periwinkles, species and varieties of *Vinca*, are slow to start but once established after a year or two spread rapidly and provide ample cutting material which roots easily.

For flower beds or borders the lovely dwarf *Campanula portenschlagiana*, formerly *C. muralis*, a much nicer name, is a splendid plant. Evergreen, making close-packed foliage and lovely blue flowers in summer, it can be propagated rapidly by division in autumn or spring.

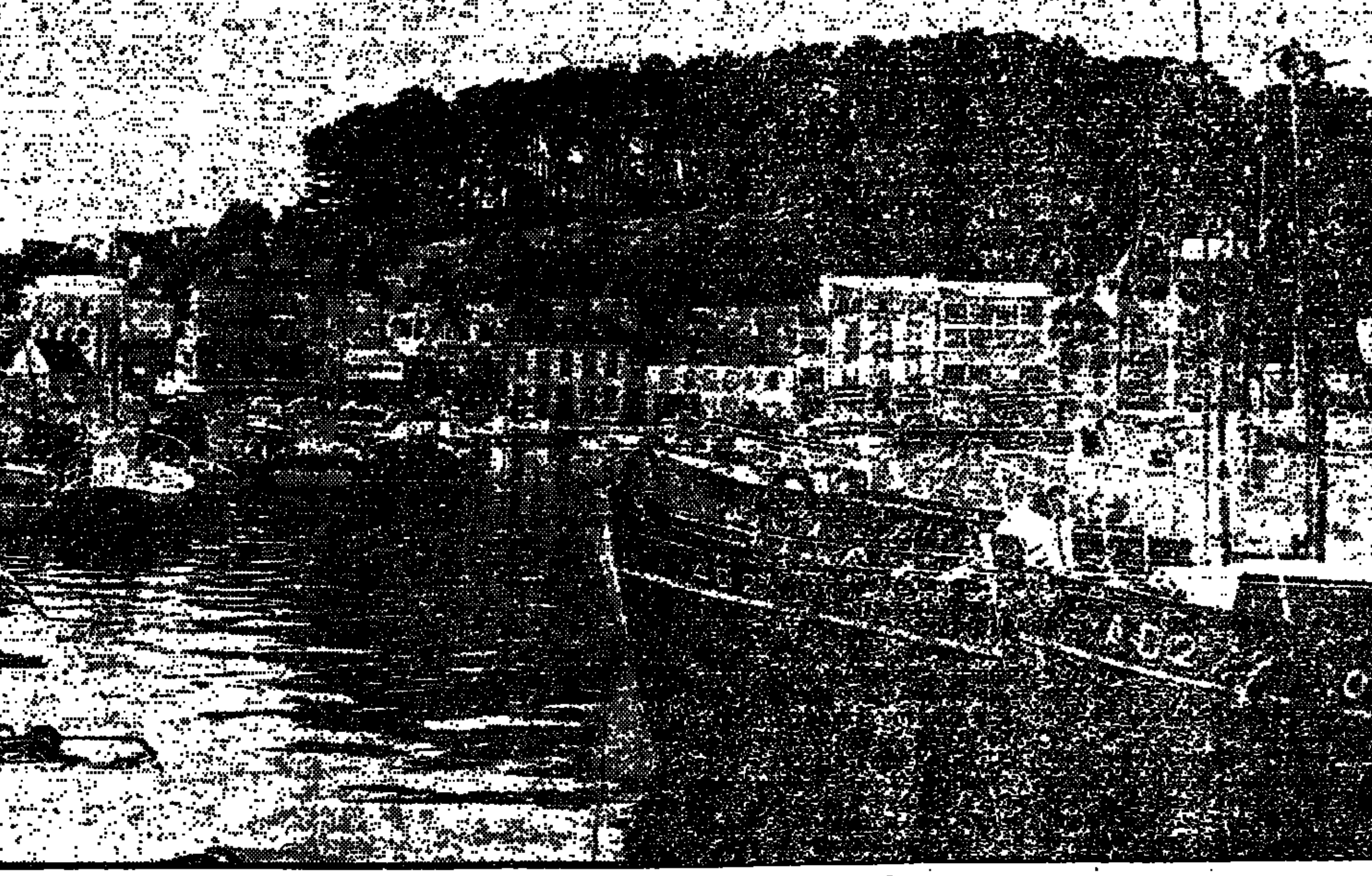
All the species of *Lamium* are superb ground coverers and very easy to propagate. I would go first for the *Lamium maculatum* varieties because I found *L. galeobdolon* a bit rampageous and itching to climb up into my roses when I underplanted a rose bed with it.

Slower growing is aubrieta. It may be raised from seed quite cheaply and cuttings an inch or so long taken in June root easily enough, and with a bit of perseverance many square yards of ground may be covered in a year or two. The flowers are a joy in spring and, with a clip-over with shears after flowering, the plants will produce lush new growth. These shoots are the best to take for cuttings

Roy Hay

Travel

Foreign, but only just



The busy fishing harbour of Audierne, Brittany

Soon after the Amoco Cadiz went aground off Brittany three years ago, spilling its cargo of 70 million tons of oil, I visited the area and was so impressed by the speed and efficiency of the clean-up operation that I advised British holiday-makers not to be put off going there.

I have since travelled through Brittany on several occasions and have seen nothing to make me change my mind — and I have no doubt that the recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease will be history before this year's main holiday season gets under way.

One place I would like to revisit is Trebeurden and the hotel, Ti al Lannec there, a two-star establishment in the setting of an old house which has been extremely well adapted.

Recently I was travelling in the same region, having driven south from Cherbourg and turned west near Avranches, and was tempted to make a deviation to Trebeurden and stay there once again. Time did not permit, however, So I continued by way of Guingamp and Morlaix towards Brest. Guingamp, a small medieval town in the Trieux valley, is an attractive spot to break your journey, but the main objective of the exercise was to visit some of the resorts scattered along the Biscay shore, from Concarneau down to Les Sables d'Olonne.

Whenever I am asked to recommend a location for a family holiday, especially when the children are young, Brittany is the area that springs first to mind. The north coast resorts — Dinard, Sables d'Or, Le Val Andre, St Cast, St Briac and St Lunaire along with many others — are well suited and many have beach clubs where children may play under adequate supervision. The south coast, to which I travelled on this occasion, offers a similar variety of small resorts such as Benodet and Quimper.

My journey took me first to Concarneau, a small but lively fishing port with a medieval walled town standing on a small island in the harbour and linked to the mainland by two bridges. The best beaches lie to the south and it is here that the "family" hotels are to be found.

Farther south (south-east, rather) is the peninsula and town of Quiberon and yet more excellent beaches. Nearby Penthievre offers a combination of dunes and pinewoods, and this particular stretch of coastline is deservedly popular.

I was particularly interested to learn that facilities for self-catering holidays have greatly expanded along this coast, with a few variations on the camping theme: frame tents ready erected and fully equipped on a number of sites, as well as some smart caravans. All of these may be had as the ingredients of an inclusive holiday, arranged by travel companies in Britain, with the option of having all your travel arrangements built into the "package" or making your own way there.

Of the locations, I was particularly impressed by the four-star camp site at Pont Aven near Concarneau, as well as the sites at St Hilaire de Riez (Camping des Biches) and at the Pointe de Penvins (Camping de la Madone).

That last is fairly close to the small town of La Roche-Bernard, which stands on the southeast bank of the River Vilaine. It is a sailing centre and was one of the places on the itinerary of a very different kind of Breton holiday which I also sampled last year. That was along the inland waterways of Brittany, specifically the Vilaine and the Canal de Nantes a Brest. That last is a misnomer, for although the canal runs from Nantes it does not reach Brest, for a stretch of it has fallen into disuse — picturesque but impassable.

However, La Roche-Bernard can be reached from the town of Messac, which was the base of operations for the cruising fleet, and a number of holiday-makers spoke enthusiastically of their journeys there. The holiday company's information booklet suggested it as the destination for a long weekend cruise.

Inland waterway holidays are now very popular and the idea of linking them to Brittany's attraction for British families strikes me as being a good one. It enables them to enjoy the familiarities of inland waterway sailing — many of the boats are in fact from the Norfolk Broads — the freedom of such holidays and at the same time add a not-too-demanding taste of "abroad" to the deal.

Most of the people I met had driven all the way, using the car ferry services via Cherbourg, St Malo and Roscoff. Many were experiencing Brittany for the first time and quite enjoying the fact that it was not wildly foreign.

A couple from Leicester, with two children, aged nine and twelve, summed up Brittany's attractions: the journey was not too demanding, the boat provided a familiar style of accommodation (they had cruised previously on the Broads), the riverside towns and scenery were of great charm and interest and they could easily cater for themselves or eat out at any of the restaurants suggested in the information booklet. The strength of the pound against the franc meant they were getting excellent value for money and they had no qualms about cuisine or hygiene.

What they were doing, indeed, was providing a list of the reasons why British families have taken holidays in Brittany for generations. And I reflected just a few days ago that it will take more than a few items of bad news to diminish that appeal.

A good travel agent will be able to tell you about holidays to Brittany resorts, about those which offer accommodation in tents or caravans or enable you to travel the inland waterways. He should also be able to help with independent travel arrangements.

John Carter

Clive Barnes/New York Notebook

Schnitzler's luck changes

Some playwrights are simply unlucky. Sometimes unsuccessful in their own day, they are submerged by history or capsized by changing taste. Such a shipwreck appeared to have happened to the Viennese playwright Arthur Schnitzler, the cynically dramatic poet of the city's hearts, flowers, waltzes, whipped-cream and protocol at the turn of the century.

History deserted him. The super-spun world of which he wrote went up in a puff of gunpowder, and works banned by Vienna's Nazi masters never established themselves after the Second World War. Some nostalgia is possibly too bitter to recall with anything like comfort.

The only Schnitzler that really maintained a hold in the international theatre was *Reigen*, or *Hands Around*, usually called *La Ronde*, and due to be revived by The Royal Shakespeare Company. This sexual daisychain also won some popularity in the cinema; but the main body of Schnitzler's work, even in the German-speaking theatre, has been neglected. A couple of years ago he found an unlikely champion in Tom Stoppard, who produced his dazzling adaptation of Schnitzler's *Undiscovered Country* for the National Theatre. It was staged by Peter Wood, with all the National's massive resources, and starred John Wood as Schnitzler's supremely egotistical anti-hero, Friedrich Hofreiter. The play proved a most gratifying success.

Yet how to bring it, with its cast of 29 and its scenic and sartorial extravaganzas, to the United States was a far from easy question. Here was a modern European classic, clearly worthwhile but not viable economically. Perhaps the BAM Theatre Company in Brooklyn or the Vivian Beaumont at Lincoln Centre could have picked it up, but scarcely without taking risks, not least the risk of comparison.

Nothing has daunted Mark Lamos, the new, young artistic director of the Hartford State Company in deepest Connecticut, who has explored *Undiscovered Country* in no uncertain fashion. Remarkably, his staging can hold its own with the National, and in some respects it shows a shrewder comprehension.

The *Undiscovered Country* of Schnitzler's title is the territory of the human soul. How little can we understand the inner mechanics of humanity! The main traveller in this journey without maps is a seemingly cheerful hedonist, Friedrich, a



highly successful Viennese industrialist, with a beautiful wife, a son at an expensive boarding school in England, and a morbid compulsion for success.

Cleverly, Friedrich is seen as a man of his time and place. There is little overt indication that his 1911 society is waltzing on the edge of a volcano — just three years later it was to be swept into the dustbin of history — yet the pervasive atmosphere of philandering and tennis perhaps suggests its own nemesis.

Mark Lamos has staged the play with uncommon style. Not all the roles are as consummately well played as they were in London, but the overall picture of Viennese society is overwhelmingly persuasive. David Jenkins' simple and adaptable set design is based on an appropriate painting by Gustav Klint, all over-ripe impressionism.

The acting has a most agreeable ensemble feel to it. Jennifer Harmon as Friedrich's wife is a nice mixture of sweet and pained understanding, while Mary Layne shows a decently virgin ardour as his latest conquest. There were other neat performances as well, such as Davis Hall's troubled doctor and Stefan Schnabel as an aristocratic hotelier.

But the play is Friedrich's story, and this male-menopausal figure of masculine folly has to be the play's centre and focus. Keith Baxter is wonderful as this rebellious industrialist without a cause. In his pursuit of women he is amusing — as amusing as John Wood was in London — but in his pursuit of honour, unlike Wood, he becomes unexpectedly steely. This transition from aging playboy to a vengeful spirit is beautifully encompassed, and the entire character, with all its comically sinister contradictions, is indeed made, as Schnitzler must have intended, to stand as a symbol of the last guttering flame of a dying chandelier.

Seeing what David Jones's BAM Theatre Company has just done to Ibsen's *The Wild Duck*, it is perhaps just as well it did not attempt *Undiscovered Country*. *The Wild Duck* is popularly supposed to be one of those classics so frequently marketed that it has become shop-soiled round the edges. Yet I cannot recall a major production in New York since 1967. The present staging has one central flaw, the so-called "new version" by Thomas Babe, based on a translation by Erik J. Friis. Textually this is the most sophomorically immature Ibsen I have ever encountered.

Babe is a distinguished playwright, but here he has over-reached himself. He has introduced the most absurd 20th-century slang into a 19th-century play, slang which is interlarded with pure fustian Ibsen translationese. The result if often ridiculous. A practising dramatist can certainly be helpful in smoothing out an over-scholarly translation — think of Christoper Hampton's work on Ibsen — but the proper tone and tenor of time and place must be maintained. If you can forgive Babe's unforgivable solecisms, his version does work quite powerfully as a satirical melodrama — which is the aspect of the play the director, Arthur Penn, has eagerly seized. He stages the play as if he were staging Arthur Miller, which does splendidly for the superficial but misses the heart's bullseye.

People continue to explore Merce Cunningham while, in turn, Merce Cunningham continues to explore people. His group is still called the Merce Cunningham Dance Company, and he obviously continues to use dancers, but one feels that his major interest now is with an art style that often uses dance almost peripherally. His company's two-week spring season opened at the City Centre with one new work and three old ones. Old is here a comparative term — during his first two New York programmes he is offering nothing more than three years old.

Cunningham is a poet of the banana skin, the high priest of the inevitable accident. Technically his style is a deliberately illogical collage of movements clearly dislocated or cleverly juxtaposed. It is abstract in one sense, because so often it has people not behaving as people, and yet dramatic, and often wryly witty, because it plays on our amused fears of the harmlessly unexpected.

There is an arbitrary quality to Cunningham's work that his admirers find enchanting, yet those less fortunately disposed may find merely arrogant and irritating. Despite the claims of his advocates for Cunningham's architectonics, to many, myself included, most of the dances, which have no musical base, but an aural background of noise provided by trained musicians, have a quality of aimlessness.

The new work is called *10's With Shoes*. The seven dancers are clad in black leotards and wear white plimsolls. Mark Lancaster's decor consists of coloured panels in various blues, yellows and greens, all decorated with white squares. Against this, the performers, whose dance phrases were, according to the programme note, apparently in a count of 10, swing around with perky vivacity to a sound score by Martin Kalve consisting in part of dogs barking, cats miaouing and babies crying.

At one level it is arrant gimmickry; at another it is a microcosm representing the dissociated environment. Take your choice.

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EEC farm price deal raises incomes by £325m in full year

House of Commons

The agreement reached in Brussels earlier this week on EEC farm prices for the coming year would enable British food and agriculture industries to continue to make an important contribution to the British economy while increasing food prices by only 1 per cent over a full year, Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said in a statement.

The Opposition condemned the package as the worst settlement to come out of Brussels since Britain joined the European Community in 1973.

Mr Walker (Worcester, C) said: The price negotiations took place this year with a background of farm incomes having fallen substantially over the past two years throughout the Community, and in the United Kingdom farm incomes declined in real terms last year by 24 per cent.

We had three main aims in these negotiations: to obtain some budgetary measures to contain the cost of the common agricultural policy; to take proper account of the interests of consumers; and to obtain appropriate improvements to benefit the stability and the future of British agriculture.

Important measures were agreed which will assist in restraining the future costs of the common agricultural policy. On the basis of a British proposal, the Council agreed on the need to ensure that the 1981 budget appropriation for milk is not exceeded and the Council of Ministers confirmed that they would take measures, should they prove necessary, to limit surplus production and contain budgetary costs. The 1981 budget provision for milk is fixed at 10 per cent below that of the previous year.

Agreement was also reached to bring in coresponsibility arrangements for cereals in the marketing year 1982-1983 which will provide savings estimated at £39m.

More flexible intervention arrangements for beef will show savings of approximately £38m, and in one of the areas of fastest growing expenditure—that of processed fruit and vegetables—arrangements were reached which will put a limitation on expenditure and show savings of approximately £40m.

Therefore in four areas of surplus or potential surplus, important new economy measures were secured.

The overall budgetary effects for the entire European Community in 1981 of the total package will be £186m and in a full 12 months £596m. Such an increase is equal to approximately 8.5 per cent of the current CAP budget.

The Council took note of a C... mission declaration which st... that there will be no need for ... supplementary budget for agri... ture for 1981; and that for ... the decisions taken in this pac... are consistent with ensuring ... the rate of increase in agricul... expenditure should remain clos... or, if possible, below the ra... increase in the Community's ... resources, and the Council un... took to adopt in good time ... further measures which sh... prove necessary to achieve ... objective.

With the support of the Ger... and Dutch governments, we re... ded very strongly in the min... of the Council our view that ... rate of increase of agricul... guarantee expenditure sh... from 1982 onwards be mark... lower than the rate of growt... our own resources.

For the consumer, I am ple... to report that we resisted ... mission proposals supported ... other member states to reduc... United Kingdom butter sub... We retained the beef premium ... of course the lamb prem... schemes continue. Next year ... three schemes will bring sub... likely to be worth about £300 ... direct benefit to the Br... housewife—benefits that are ... available to consumers in ... countries in the Community.

The overall effect of the ... increases will be less tha... quarter of 1 per cent on the ... price index and approximat... per cent on food prices as a ... over the course of an entire ...

We also secured final agree... to continue special arrangem... for the import of New Ze... butter and to the passing o... regulation providing refunds t... whisky industry.

The overall price increases ... have an important effect on ... ing to restore farm incomes. ... package will provide £325... additional receipts to British ... culture in a full year. I su... fully resisted proposals by ... Commission strongly support... other member states for a re... tion of the green pound, a... obtained for Northern Irela... special package of additiona... similar to that offered by ... Commission to the Irish Rep... This will be worth between ... and £9m.

We obtained agreement ... there should be no clawbac... exports of British lamb to ... countries and an agreement ... the management committee ... consider arrangements to m... the current clawback provi... for intra-Community trade.

Opposition condemns 'worst settlement'

Mr Gavin Strang, an Opposition spokesman on agriculture (Edinburgh East, Lab) questioning Mr Walker on his statement said: This statement is profoundly damaging to the real interests of the British people. (Conservative protests.) It is almost certainly the worst farm prices settlement to come out of Brussels since Britain entered in 1973.

Mr Walker should admit that the £500m increase in the nation's food bill will bear most heavily on poor families who already spend a high proportion of their incomes on food and who have already suffered high unemployment, the Government's cuts in real benefits, and the refusal to increase tax allowances.

The figure of £596m he quotes for the increased cost of this settlement does not adequately take account of the increased production and surpluses which will arise out of these higher prices, especially the increased price on the continent in countries such as France.

There is only one rational explanation for this deal and that is that the Government has decided to sacrifice the interests of the British people to help secure the reelection of the French President. (Conservative shouts of: "disgraceful".)

Mr Walker: Was the settlement worse than when the last Labour Government increased prices by about 14 per cent in one year, or worse than the year when they increased by 9.6 per cent?

During the years of the last Labour Government, the proportion of the European budget taken by the CAP went up from 75 per cent to 80 per cent. As a result of this settlement, it will, on the Commission's estimate, go down to 69 per cent. The difference is that under the Labour Government the proportion went up, but under this Government it has come down substantially.

If we take the percentage increase in the CAP budget, in the last three years of the Labour Government the CAP budget went up by 20 per cent. In the last two years, it has gone up on average by 11 per cent, half of the increased rate of the last Government.

On food prices, I am surprised that he should actually back up the irresponsible and inaccurate remarks on the effect on ... prices. Under these proposals ... prices will go up 1 per ce... an entire year: under the ... Labour Government, food ... went up 1 per cent every ... night.

It is hard to argue that ... time when the Commissio... warning that input costs for ... culture arising across Europe ... be something like 12 per ... an increase of 9 per cent is ... to stimulate food productio...

On the French elections, ... to the price fixing, the Fr... minister of agriculture and ... President both stated categori... that the number one aim of ... price fixing was to see tha... green pound rate of the B... was substantially reduced be... of the adverse effect it was h... on French trade. I am glad t... they failed in that althoug... Strong would like them to suc...

Mr Michael English (Notting... West, Lab): What is the ... mated percentage increase in ... tish farmers' incomes res... from this settlement?

Mr Walker: I cannot give ... answer. It is likely that the ... costs of British agriculture ... rise more this year than ... £325m extra in receipts. S... terms of income—purely on ... settlement—there is likely t... in real terms a continuing f... farm incomes.

Mr Anthony Marlow (North... ton, North, C): As he has ... to take the opportunity rad... to change the hated CAP, ... its manifest disadvantages fo... country, and as he has co... mised on our pledge that ... would be no price increases ... for items in structural su... would it not be honourabl... resign and let somebody el... it?

Mr Walker: I was sorry tha... enthusiasm over being anti... munity led him yesterday to ... a factually incorrect stateme... press reports before the Co... of Ministers meeting had e...

Alas for him we have a s... ment which has a minor effe... food price and the total effe... which will slightly reduce Bri... contribution to the budget. ... have a settlement that start... the first time to tackle a nu... of important areas of surpl... am sorry this settlement was ... a disappointment to his pr... ganda campaign.

Plan for all schools to have micro-computer

There should be a statutory requirement to teach certain subjects within the school curriculum, Mr Gerrard Neale (North Cornwall, C) said in opening a debate on the importance of the school curriculum in preparing young people for work.

Responsibility for the curriculum lay with the state. They laid down statutory requirements on many matters such as space, playing ground areas, lavatories, health and safety provisions, but they shrank back from laying down the basic requirements of the curriculum.

The statutory requirement of what was taught should include English, mathematics, religious education, a modern language, history or geography and physical education, and they should be taught to a statutory minimum standard.

With the growth in the use of electronics in commerce and industry the changing nature of work would be phenomenal. The Government should increase the financial provision which went towards computer training in schools.

Mr Alfred Dubs, for the Opposition (Wandsworth, Battersea, South, Lab) said vocational training of young people should adapt them to cope with going on the dole.

There should be a specific educational aim to encourage all young people to stay in edu... beyond the age of 16, esp... those from working class ... grounds who tended to mi... on some of the vocational ... training opportunities.

Mr Neil Macfarlane, Under ... retary of State for Educa... (Sutton and Cheam, C), said ... pupils up to the age of 16 ...

There was no intention of ... moving the examination for t... aged 16. The Schools Council ... been asked to look and see how ... assessment of achievement m... be introduced to embrace the ... 70 per cent of the pupils who ... not go on to further educa... after the age of 16, and it w... report in 1982.

The department had made ... available for a programme w... included the training of teach... On Monday, the Prime Mini... would be launching a new ... gramme for the provision of h... ware in schools.

Many schools already had ... equipment. The national ... gramme would be launched ... the full backing and financial ... port from the Department of ... dustry. It would be a joint v... ture to provide a micro-comp... in every school by the end of ... year. Also on Monday a stra... document would be launched ... distributed

The debate was concluded. House adjourned 2.58 pm.



Paint your own egg for Easter

The point about Easter presents is not price but originality, and if you are trying to keep the cost of giving down, teaching your grandmother to suck eggs could be a profitable pastime as hand-painted real eggs are popular but expensive — the better ones are around £5 each.

If you would like to see the professionals in action, Barbara Taite will be painting eggs at **Liberty** on April 6, 7 and 8 (her colourful eggs are £4.95 each) and Marta Jenkala will be demonstrating the traditional Ukrainian techniques of waxing and dyeing eggs at **Barkers, Kensington High Street,** between 12 and 4 pm today and on April 13 and 18.

Also at Barkers on April 10, 14, 15 and 16 between 10 am and 4 pm a member of the Egg Crafters Guild will show the techniques of making Fabergé-style eggs, decorated with crystal beads, braids and stones. Some will be for sale, from £5 for small eggs to £75 for an ostrich egg.

Easter is never likely to rival Christmas in the present-giving stakes, but small gifts with a chicken and egg theme are becoming more popular each year to put by the family breakfast plates on Easter Sunday, or to take to your holiday host and hostess.



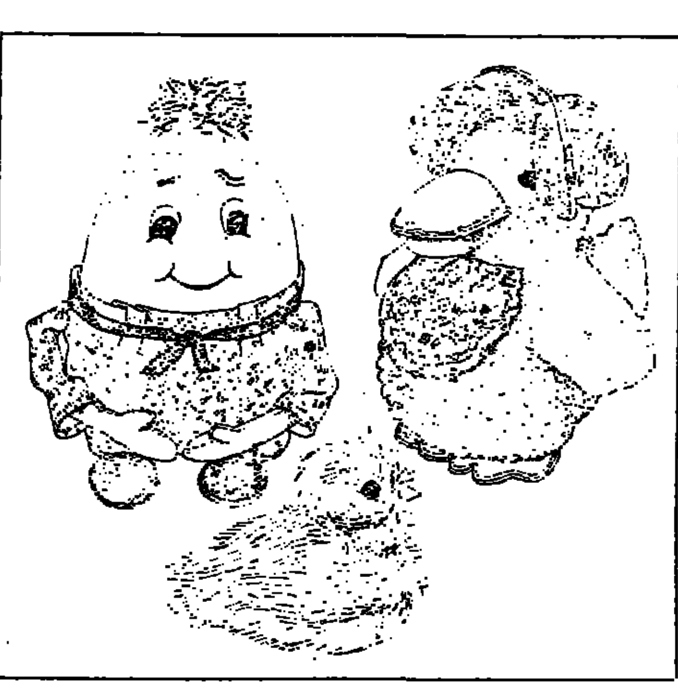
Conversation piece at a hen party.
You can make your own groups of red, white or black hens, 2in high, at 55p each from Liberty, Regent Street, London W1.



Egg on toast jigsaw comes in a giant plastic egg, 95p. A set of six eggs, each containing a different jigsaw, packed in a cardboard egg box is £5.50, plus £1 p&p, from Cucina, 8 England's Lane, London NW3, or 4a Ladbroke Grove, London W11. Jolly clown eggs with feet from a range of handpainted character eggs, £5.50 each from Heals.







Above: Decorate for Easter in Scandinavian style by hanging wooden novelties from a budding branch. Colourful wooden eggs in packs of 12, £1.75, rabbits £1 a pair, chicken in egg 75p. Paper basket with flower border, £1.65. All from the Danish House, 16 Sloane Street, London SW1. Add 25p p&p up to £2, 50p from £2-£5. Over £5 post free. **Above centre:** Yellow or white egg "flowers" on long stems, £3.65 each from Heals, Tottenham Court Road, London W1. **Above right:** Liberty print Humpty Dumpty by Jackie Anderson, £13.95 from Liberty, Regent Street; endearing duck in flame resistant fleecy fur fabric, £4 including p&p by Angela Hartford, Pennine Craft, Bantel Works, Rye Road, Hoddesdon, Herts, 01-441 0220; amber fur fabric chicken, £2.34 plus 25p p&p from The Tree House, 237 Kensington High Street, London W8.

Watch the cartoonist at work

If you are in London on Good Friday and Easter Monday you may be glad to know that the **Neal Street Gallery, 56 Neal Street, London WC2,** is staying open because their current exhibition is particularly attractive to children. It is all about animation and cartoons.

At one end of the gallery is a room set of an animation studio showing the various stages from the original brief, through the backgrounds, illustrations and preparation of cels (drawings on celluloid). During the run of the exhibition, until April 25, animators will be demonstrating their skills there. They will not be there all day, but you could telephone 01-379 7232 to make sure you don't miss them.

Some of the original drawings are for sale, from around £30 framed to £150, and there are limited editions of Walt Disney characters at £145-£250.

The exhibition is by no means just for children. A television in one corner showing cartoons and commercials will keep them happy while you study the graphics. It is fascinating to see how decorative they are in still form and how they translate to the moving screen.

John Painter, joint owner of the gallery, believes that some of the best and most imaginative work today is being done by commercial artists. "Gone are the days when artists had to starve in a garret. Today their commercial work is the foundation for the experimental films they really want to do."

The gallery is already, after only 18 months, one of the leading showplaces for illustration, photography and graphic art and I found the exhibition exciting, stimulating and entertaining. What more do you want from an Easter outing?

More holiday ideas for your diary: the Society of West End Theatre has combined with Childminders to enable young married couples to obtain reduced rates for babysitters.

Childminders normally charge a £10 permanent registration fee or a temporary booking fee of £2.50, in addition to the babysitting charges. Customers booking tickets at the Half Price Ticket Booth in Leicester Square can use both services at reduced rates, £2.50 off the registration fee or a waiving of the temporary fee.

For those within reach of Longleat House, Warminster, an interesting exhibition opens on Good Friday. For the first time, the Longleat Embroideries, stored for centuries in the attics, will be on show. They include the English Bed Set made around 1733 for Lady Louisa Carteret, who is now said to haunt the house in search of her murdered lover.

Because of the damage that can be caused by light, the embroideries will only be on show until September 30, but a collection of 17th century Dutch masters, previously crammed in an unused corridor, will be on permanent view from Easter.

Pot luck snooker for the cueless

I played snooker with world champion Ray Reardon last week at the launch of a new dice game he is endorsing called Pot Black. Well, perhaps I should not let my enthusiasm entirely eclipse truth — he showed me how to position my hand and actually let me use his cue and with such an instructor I assume the *only* reason the ball did not plop into the pocket was simply that my arms are too short.

You need no skill or guiding hand to play Pot Black Snooker Dice, however. The game consists of a "green baize" tray, a miniature wooden replica of a score board and a selection of potted dice — red ones to 'pot' the 15 reds, multi-coloured ones with a different coloured spot on each side to represent the other balls.

If you have ever watched snooker on television you will find the rules easy enough to understand, notching up your score as the dice turns up the colour you call. Your "break" ends if the colour shown is not the one you guessed.

It is one of those irritatingly compulsive games of chance for two or four players that could occupy many a wet half hour at Easter and it is small enough to be handy for maintaining the family equilibrium at airports and other delay-ridden terminals. A useful anti-boredom device for £3.99 from **The Games Centre, 16 Hanway Street, London W1,** and **Just Games, 63 Brewer Street, London W1.**

Who can resist a bargain?

London caught up with the provinces yesterday when its first **Cookmate** reject kitchen shop opened at **119 King Street, Hammersmith.** There are already 32 such bargain bazaars in the country, specializing in clearance lines of cutlery, cookware, pine furniture and basketware.

They are all franchises, a chain begun by Brian Howlett when he bought the stock of Robert Carrier's two London cookshops when they closed in 1975. He set up his first reject shop in Hertfordshire, opened a second eight weeks later and within five years his turnover had reached £2 million a year.

After the first five successful Cookmates, a friend asked to be allowed to open under licence and there has been a steady demand for franchises ever since. The plan is to open two more a month from now until the end of 1985, for while 95 per cent of small retail businesses fail within their first five years of trading, only five per cent of franchises go the same way.

All the shops have the same fittings and display to give them an identity and licensees are given help with everything up to the shop opening — from labels and carriers to window dressing. Goods are centrally bought by Cookmate's head office and there are special promotions each month — basketware is Hammersmith's opening offer, including door mats at 99p, Alibaba baskets at £9.95, a 5ft round rush mat £5.25 and the inevitable Peacock chair, £39.95.

Among other bargains are director's chairs in natural or orange canvas at £9.95, kits of pine shelves at £6.15, pine bread bins, £10.65, candles in the shape *of numbers, 18p each, cane plant* trainers, 75p. For the address of your nearest Cookmate branch, write to **Cookmate Ltd, 48 Friars Square, Aylesbury, Bucks,** who will also give details of mail order.

Pearls that match every mood

An exhibition opening in Hampstead next Tuesday is devoted to that most female of jewels, the pearl. The organizers, Peter and Andrew Knowles-Brown, searched for jewellers who are passionate about pearls and *found nine — all women, which, they say, "reflects no prejudice* by anyone, but says something of the way in which pearls have fascinated females throughout the ages."

The thing that fascinates me about the collection and its designers is the versatility of the medium. No discreet companions for twinsets, these, but distinctive demonstrations of the ability of the pearl to adapt to a variety of moods from traditional to abstract.

Audrey Dryden-Brownlee, for instance, produces a layered effect in her pearl jewelry almost like appliqúe with a frosted pearl finish; Susan Clarke conjures an image of the South Seas by blending pearls with the turquoises *and deep blues of that* most modern material, niobium.

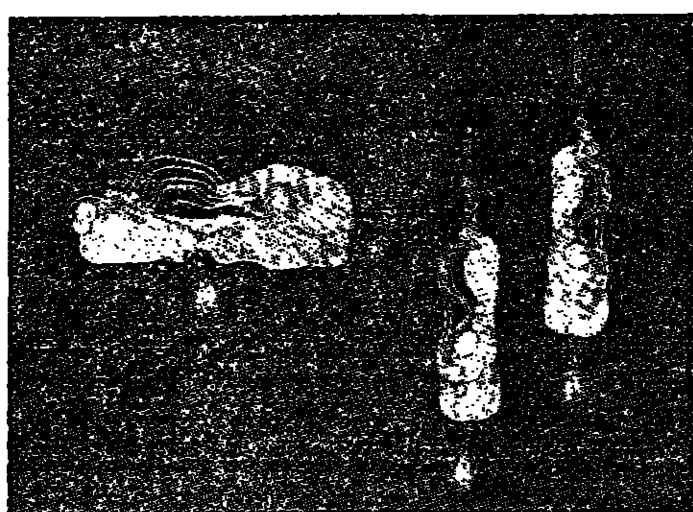
The most abstract work is by Abigail Fleissig and the most traditional by Cynthia Jenkins, whose necklace in fine gold set with pink sapphires, diamonds and pearls is the most expensive in the show at £3,500.

There are plenty of covetable pieces at lower prices, too. Earrings are from £20 to £50, or you could have a silver necklace *set with coral and freshwater* pearls at £36 or one set with agate and black pearls at £87; both by Marilynn Nicholson.

Lustre and a good colour are the qualities to look for in pearls, whether natural, when the oyster covers a grain of sand with layers of nacre, or cultured, when a pearl bead is inserted to form the nucleus round which the pearl forms.

The latest development is non-*nucleated pearls, the result of a* piece of soft mantle (the edible bit of the creature) rather than a hard nucleus, being placed in a freshwater mussel. Many of these are farmed on Lake Biwa in Japan, but freshwater pearls can be found in mussels all over the world. Peter Knowles-Brown even has some freshwater pearls found by his grandfather in Hampstead Ponds.

The exhibition, at **H. Knowles-Brown Ltd, 27 Hampstead High Street, London NW3,** will continue until May 30 (closed on Mondays).



Brooch in 18ct gold with baroque pearl drop and cultured pearl, £377. Earrings with pearl drops, £202. Both by Audrey Dryden-Brownlee at H. Knowles-Brown, 27 Hampstead High Street, London NW3, from Tuesday.

The sort of price you just cannot knock

...al pine knock-together kitchen units at knock-down prices ... introduced this week by **...oolworths.** They are excellent ...lue and I know they are easy ... assemble because they work ... the same Kwiklok principle ... the bedroom cupboards I ...ported on last year. You need ... tools — they clip together ...th a smart bash of the fist, or ... of the hand, as the publicity ...aterial more elegantly but less ...curately puts it.

All the units have pine ...rrounds with laminated door ...nels in white, olive or brick ...d. Drawer units are all pine ...d all the handles are recessed, so there are no ugly knobs, which are the undoing of most cheap furniture. Work surfaces come in fake onyx or fake tile, but they are very believable — and ideal, I would suggest, for young home-builders with lots of demands on limited resources.

There are 22 units from a small wall cupboard at £26.13 to base cupboard with drawer, £50.99, oven housing £77.19, five-drawer base unit £79.49. Worktops range from £7.49 to £21.99 according to size. The range is called Richmond by Newage and can be ordered from major Woolworths.

Travelling light

The first range of luggage by Yuki is on show at the Design Centre this week and it is everything you might expect from a designer of such sensuously flattering clothes. It is made of leather as soft and light as a pair of gloves and if fashion decreed that we all wore suitcases, I am sure you would feel most comfortable zipped into a Yuki holdall.

Weight, or rather the lack of it, was one of his main concerns in designing the range of 17 models for Papworth. "Luggage design is not just a question of shape and looks," says Yuki. "It is practicality. People travel light these days and they don't want to wait about at airports — they want something they can carry with them. So I have tried to make something beautiful that will hold a lot and still be compact."

The result is a range of cases, flight bags and briefcases with shoulder straps as well as handles: many have "office compartments" for papers and documents in the centre, which open like a book, with the clothes compartments on either side. There are two large suitcases, too, if you really need something roomier than hand luggage.

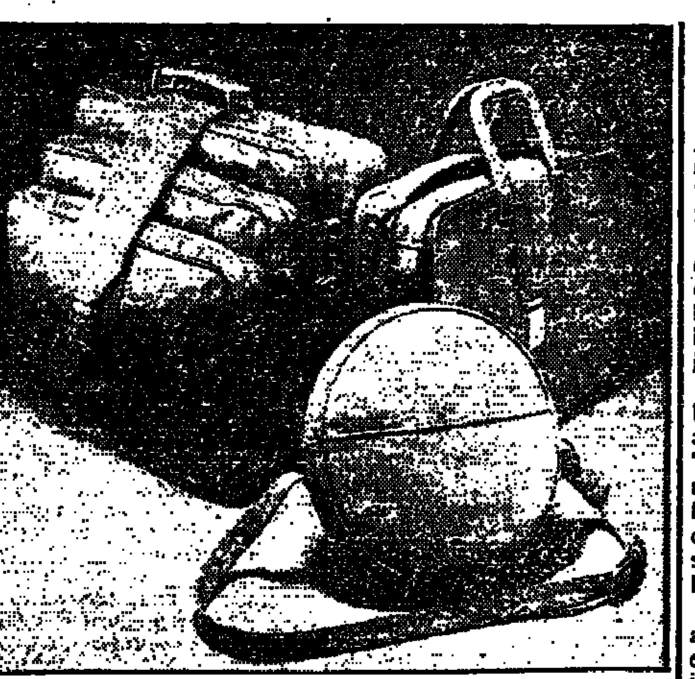
The phenomenon described by Papworth as "the rise of the woman executive" has produced a particularly handsome shape which is smart enough to be used as a shoulder-cum-document bag in town, and capacious enough to accommodate some lunchtime shopping. Men will like it, too, as it is big enough to take overnight things and a clean shirt.

Great attention has been paid to detail. The leather was specially developed to be as light as possible and is dyed right through so that scratches and scuffs will be less noticeable and rain spots will not cause permanent marks. The linings are dyed to match and are beautifully finished. The fittings are solid brass.

The colour is called red sienna - a soft, brick shade which goes with most clothes and looks extremely stylish and expensive. Which it should be, because it is. A round shoulder bag, 10½in in diameter, for instance, is about £53, a suitcarrier for two suits, with a coat-hanger and two interior zipper shirt pockets is £185.15, a concertina file case with one deep and one shallow compartment with a six-division file section, £223.

Some items from the range are now on show at **The Design Centre, 28 Haymarket, London W1.** These are for display only.

Other models will be available by the end of the month at **Asprey, Harrods and Austin Reed (Regent Street).** Don't be surprised if prices vary. If you would like provincial stockists, write to **Papworth, Papworth Everard, Cambridge CB3 8RG or telephone 0480 830345.**



Soft, lightweight luggage in fine leather by Yuki for Papworth. Flight bag/holdall, £198, concertina file case, £223, round shoulder bag £53.10, from the range available at the end of April from Asprey, Harrods and Austin Reed, Regent Street.

Eggs? Try a basket

As sure as eggs is eggs and teeth is dentures there are some who will have nothing but chocolate for Easter. If you are among them, you may at least care to consider something a little different from the traditional hollow shell — a basket of home-made confections, for instance.

Angela Jay and Yvonne Field began their business four years ago with the vague feeling they "wanted to do something home-made". Jams and cakes were the first thought, but the high street competition would have swamped them, so they began looking at recipes for sweets.

They found one for marzipan, adapted it — and had the enterprise (or nerve) to walk into Fortnum and Mason with their first efforts. They came out with an order and, because they happened to have parked their car by the Hotel Bristol, popped in there, too. Another success — an order for 30 baskets of sweetmeats which "threw us into a panic as we had never made more than two pounds of marzipan before."

Those experimental days are long past, as are their attempts to boil chocolate over pans of water, but the style and quality which won their first orders is still there. They don't like chocolate to be too sweet, so they have invented their own recipes. Their fillings are delicious, original and won high praise in this office.

For those outside London, the gifts that can be most successfully mailed are the boxes, £4.50 per pound plus £1.20 p&p, or baskets, decorated specially for Easter if you wish, £4.10 ½lb plus £1 p&p. For details of the range (they do named Easter eggs containing their own chocolate drops, too) and delivery charges, contact **Village Fayre, 389 Uxbridge Road, Hatch End, Middlesex. 01-421-0363.**

The lightest dark Blue in the race

Sportsview

Susan Brown, a 22-year-old Devonian, is likely to attract more attention today across the world than Lady Diana Spencer or Mrs Thatcher, unless Mrs Linda Sheedy, a 500-1 outsider, rides Deiopea to victory in the Grand National.

At 1 pm Susan Brown will win her rowing Blue as Oxford coxswain, the first woman to compete in the Boat Race in its 152-year history. Millions will focus on how Miss Brown navigates what can be a treacherous course. It is fitting, too, that today's BBC Boat Race commentary team will be joined by Penny Chuter, coach of the British Men's Heavyweight Eight.

It could be said that Mrs Shirley Williams played a hand in this affair: Susan Brown's rival for the Oxford cox's seat, Adrian Rossiter, resigned as a Boat Race candidate to help to steer a political party and work with the Social Democrats—Shirley Williams impressed him.

But even then Susan Brown was favourite for selection. This is not an Oxford gimmick—she was selected on merit from more than 30 men candidates for the cox's seat. Although weighing in at 6 stone 8lb—she is 20lb lighter than the Cambridge cox, Chris Wigglesworth—it is steering ability that counts over the four-and-a quarter mile voyage from Putney to Mortlake.

Ray Penney, one of the most experienced tideway coxswains, gives some insight to the daunting task facing Miss Brown today. "The public image of a cox is a sack of potatoes sitting at the back of the boat shouting 'in, out, in, out'. Steering Oxford today will be like driving a Formula One car. It is mentally demanding and any adjustment to steering must be anticipated and made with fine precision or the shell will skid beneath her."

Overriding excessively by use of the rudder acts as a brake on a racing shell. Coxswains in the Boat Race have far from an easy ride and more than earn their Blue.

Wigglesworth and Miss Brown today will be negotiating a Queen's highway with no road markings to designate the right of way. Off the start they may be duelling for the centre of the tide or, if conditions are bad on any part of the course, abandoning it to seek shelter and judge the best route to Mortlake.

Miss Brown is fortunate in that she has a very experienced crew to handle, with six winning Blues on board, including last year's president, Boris Rankov, and this year's Olympic silver medal winner, Chris Mahoney. The Oxford crew are odds-on favourites; they have shown no resentment to the blaze of publicity surrounding their coxswain, which could have been a sensitive issue.

"I'm embarrassed by it", she told me, recognizing that her charges on the water have been left in a dark blue shadow. Coxing Oxford has left her no time for boy friends. But you sense by the sparkle in her eyes she has found job satisfaction in her role. Her rise to fame has been rapid. She only took up coxing just over two years ago when she arrived at Wadham College to read bio-chemistry. Last year she coxed the British women's coxed fours in the Moscow Olympic regatta and through the national women's squad she gained her Tideway experience.

By competing in the Oxford trials last December, she would, but for her sex, automatically become a candidate for election to the famous Leander Club. Now a special general meeting of Leander Club members has been called on April 26 to consider the admission of women as members. Miss Brown, however, will lose eight votes because on that very day she will be steering the Oxford crew in a race against Cambridge 14,000 miles away in Tokyo.

The role of women in sport today cannot be ignored. Rowing is assisted by a recruiting campaign sponsored by the British Home Stores, who employ 27,000 women; over 2,600 oarswomen and scullers compete in the sport in England and Wales, compared with 980 in 1975. Women's rowing events were only introduced to the Olympic programme in 1976 and this year there will be two experimental women's events at Henley Royal Regatta.

Susan Brown is not a feminist. She is a modest and reserved young woman on the bank, but once in a racing shell she is an Iron Lady. She will have more than housewives cheering her on today as another male bastion falls.

Another woman figuring today in what is primarily a male-orientated sport is Jenny Pitman, the trainer of Lord Gulliver in the Grand National (her other horse, Artistic Prince, went lame and is a doubtful starter).

Jim Railton



Susan Brown: membership of Leander next?

Malta: the search for a new heroic role

Letter from Valletta

The sirocco makes people edgy, bringing an irritating haziness to the view across the Grand Harbour, and if anything should for the moment be banned from the island it ought to be this tedious gustiness from Africa rather than *The Times* which has been unobtainable by order of the government since March 9.

The sense of irritation is very real and does not depend on the weather. I cannot remember any time in Malta's recent history when there was so much tension in personal relations, so many allegations against political opponents, so much contentiousness in general. The opening theme of the latest pastoral from the Roman Catholic bishops was about the disturbing growth of political fanaticism.

Mr Dom Mintoff's erratic ways of running a government are partly to blame. He has held power now for nearly a decade and the strain on the nerves was bound to tell. As this is a letter and not a despatch I can properly admit to a degree of admiration for the Prime Minister despite the obvious faults which his closest friends make no attempt to conceal. Malta is weighed down—visually even—by its heroic past. All those bastions and watch-towers reminded the young Disraeli of the medieval fortifications of Jerusalem and he very properly connected the Crusader presence in Jerusalem with that of the Knights in Malta. The Knights imposed on the island a huge role in fighting Islam and from their arrival in the sixteenth century the place was unfairly destined to massive importance on the Mediterranean stage, invariably as a base. But how does one emerge from a reality attached by history?

At his best, Mr Mintoff has tried to re-chart Malta's role. It has mean his break with the British presence, a virtual rejection of western diplomatic intimacy despite the fact that both the British High Commissioner and the American Chargé d'Affairs gamely stood through the "freedom day" ceremony on Tuesday called to mark the end of the British base. His foreign policy has also meant a period of close friendship with Libya, which has now broken down in bitter quarrelling. One of the main irritants, his opponents say, is that the Maltese for the first time in centuries simply no longer know where they stand.

A grey-haired man robustly filling out an elderly grown suit wave his hand towards the Grand Harbour and said: "you should have seen it full of the British fleet between the wars." I said: "my father did." He asked "what ship was he in?" I replied: "Barham." As quick as a Mississippi card-sharper producing an ace he took out an old photograph from a pack in his pocket and pointed to the huge battleship on the left.

"That's Barham in the Grand Harbour", he said, and gave me the photograph so that I could see how the ship with perhaps my father somewhere on it looked as it lay off Valletta.

He pointed to a group of dishevelled Arabs sitting on the ground near us. "Egyptians", he said, with contempt. "They come here to get visas to go and work in Libya, and di the place while they are wi ing". This may be an extre case but it shows the diffic ties some people feel in mov away from a heroic role.

There are occasional sh ages reported of essential go which are ascribed to mista in the government's bulk-b ing programmes. This irrita people; so does the Pri Minister's habit of scarcely ting one quarrel end before raises a new issue.

Changes in the legal c brought fears that the auth ties would feel free to act w out restraint by the law. Church's schools are a centre controversy and plans for c cial family planning guida are likely to grow into anot source of friction. Two pri hospitals no longer funct and are missed.

Mr Mintoff ... after 10 years of reasonabl coexistence, on bad terms again with the church and accused of eroding democrac

At least a part of this cont tiousness could be ascribed an attempt by Mr Mintoff, tactfuly but effectively, in heavy-handed way, to establ where authority lies within island which for centuries that authority imposed fr outside. He places it firmly the executive. And so, after years of reasonable coexisten he is once again on bad ter with the Church, and accu by the opposition of erod democracy.

He is now worrying the le profession, too, with the n commission set up to exam the whole system of justice a hear complaints against l yers. And yet, his own Attorn General, Mr Edgar Mizzi, wh term in office has just come an end, will not only go dealing with international d putes—above all, the disp over the continental shelf w Libya—but is also returning private legal practice. And w clear enthusiasm. Presumal he is not deterred by what did while in office.

Peter Nicho

Rather odd, not to say a bit rum

New words and new meanings: a series by Philip Howard

Let us turn our attention this week, brothers and sisters, not to a new word or meaning, but to a deficiency in the language. English has by far the largest vocabulary of any tongue that has babbled since the boys started to build a tower to reach unto heaven on a plain in the land of Shinar.

But there are still blanks in it. There is no word for *Schadenfreude*. We say that that is because the English are such decent, agreeable people. Germans say there is a hole in the language. There is no way that one can say *mutatis mutandis* in English without intolerable periphrasis.

C. H. Rolph, the learned and witty wordsmith on penal and most other matters, is looking for an adjective to fill another gap. We fill it at present with an illogical use of words such as extraordinary, strange, odd, and rum.

Here are some examples. "Aren't people extraordinary?" A person can be extraordinary; but it is quite impossible for *people* to be extraordinary. "Isn't it odd how everyone seems to think . . .?" If everybody does it, it cannot be odd, baby. "Strange that no one ever replies to such appeals." If no one does, it must be familiar, not strange. "Extraordinary name, Smith, really; I mean you find it coupled with absolutely anything . . ." Isn't it odd that everybody says this kind of thing? I certainly do. And so does dear C. H. Rolph.

There is a similar rum illogicality in the universal journalistic misuse of mean/means/meant/ will mean. For example, from the romantic topic of the hour: "Lord Spencer's friendship with the Royal Family *meant* that the Queen is godmother to . . ." Well, I see what he means, but, really, it didn't *mean* anything of the sort.

George Mikes, that most native of aliens, who writes better English than most of us, points out another black hole in the language. He declares that there is one expression he has particularly missed for 43 years, ever since he tried to learn our language. If it existed it would be "how manieth?"—the equivalent of *Wie vielte* in German; or *hanyadik* in Hungarian.

When one gets into a lift, the person nearest the buttons may ask, "Which floor?", which is a reasonable substitute to help one over the deficiency. But if you want to know how manieth child a chap is in his family, you have to ask: "Any brothers or sisters?" Then, when he replies that he has seven brothers and eight sisters, you have to carry on with your prolix interrogation: "Are you the eldest among the boys?" We badly need how manieth, and it is odd that our fecund and flexible language has not produced such a useful interrogative.

There are other gaps in the language, the most obvious one being the lack of a sexually neutral pronoun instead his or hers. It also seems odd that a language that evolved, like all languages in a pastoral and agricultural society, should have no singular for the word cattle. We have to say heifer/cow or ox/bullock/bull, which is cumbersome and lumbering.

Fred Emery

Is it really such a Benn bombshell?

Granted that Mr Wedgwood Benn finessed his comrades inside the Tribune Group of left-wing Labour MPs. Painfully for them, his 3.30 am announcement of his candidature for deputy leader pre-empted their 4 am effort, which they admit, to pre-empt him. Granted also that with his retort: "It's a free country", Mr Benn is defying the judgment of his party leader. The question remains: Why has the Labour leadership become so hysterical about his decision to contest their first election?

By seeking to arouse the alarm of party division, while deploring it, have they some deep-laid plot to discredit Mr Benn? Or is he a bigger bogey to them than to the other parties? Are they scared that he might win the deputy leadership and lose the party the next election—or lose and reinforce Mr Healey, and still help lose the election?

The evidence points both to deliberation and to incipient panic. Mr Foot and Mr Healey have long had notice of Mr Benn's determination to stand. And they knew that Mr Foot had failed to dissuade him. They might have treated casually the actual announcement that he was going for the softest spot, the deputy leadership.

Or the centre-right's latter-day Labour fight-back group might have had the confidence of its bold predictions, to welcome the opportunity to beat off Mr Benn and put paid to his stark policy challenges for a while (well, another year, anyway).

But it is the left that is in control now, and some of their panic betrays their agony that if Mr Benn is torpedoed then all the hard-fought-for new policies go down with him.

Most interestingly it is on the Labour left that reaction has been most melodramatic. And let no one say it was "largely media inspired", as Mr Eric Heffer now writes of Labour's "difficult period" in the latest *Labour Weekly*. Mr Benn's various opponents stampeded in trying to trample him. Mr Foot took the unprecedented step of publicly calling on his Shadow Cabinet colleague to desist on the grounds that neither party nor country could take it.

The same leader of the Opposition who relied on party pressures to overcome his own reluctance to enter last November's leadership election now summons up public pressure to keep Mr Benn out, for this year at least. Mr Healey, in Germany, is kept aware of the moves but refrains from comment—an ominous reminder to some of his supporters of the uncombative way he fought and lost to Mr Foot. Perhaps he is playing it cool, leaving it to the left to cut up rough.

Mr Benn's campaign is bound to be divisive; that is the way of politics. But his candidature is no more than the logical and relentless next step in his sustained campaign to democratize, or revolutionize, the party's structure and policies; to ensure, as he would put it, that the next Labour government does what the party conference says it must do. He has now had the forthrightness to state starkly all the policy choices that Mr Foot has been trying to fudge.

Once Mr Benn had told Mr Foot that he intended fighting an election which the party conference had just agreed to it is odd politics to try to stop him standing, whether by emotional appeal or by ridicule. Prevention can only fan the far left's well developed sense of persecution.

Mr Benn will not be invulnerable during his campaign. When he professes that it's all done for policy and party unity and not for ambition he can be reminded of what he said last November. Then he disdained the election by MPs on the grounds that the process was "illegitimate"; he would be a candidate, he said, once the new process was installed by party conference. Now he chooses not to take on the leader but the most winnable post.

He has in fact been itching to have a go at Mr Healey. In January Mr Benn left colleagues on the party's national executive committee with the clear



Mr Benn, not invulnerable

impression that he wanted them to hold the special election conference as early as next month. But from the Wembley conference rostrum Mr Clive Jenkins openly warned the NEC that union leaders did not want further contest of the party leadership immediately.

Mr Benn never agreed. In the meantime the Social Democrats have defected and the Labour fight-back against the Bennite reforms has begun. Mr Benn believes there may be still more MPs in the party of whom Labour would be well rid. It must be assumed that he does not trust the party leadership to steer Labour on to the fundamental left-wing course which he proclaims the sure-fire election winner.

He and his friends in the activist crusade of the so-called rank and file mobilizing committee want to "consolidate" the newly adopted left-wing policies, as they put it, and for that there can be no standstill, only pressing forward.

Although it may seem tedious to outsiders, many on the left will not easily forgive the early hours caper in the Commons by which Mr Benn outwitted his pursuers. It transpires that most of his 16 sponsors had signed up by last Monday, but word of his impending announcement did not get out to the rest of the Tribunites until he had seen Mr Foot on Wednesday evening. At this point, well after midnight, remarking that Mr Benn had only joined the group on February 3, some of the younger Tribunites thought there ought to be a Tribune discussion "before any member commits himself publicly".

They drafted a letter to Mr Ian Mikardo, their veteran and highly experienced chairman. But in their innocence the letter's authors solicited advice and signatures from Mr Benn's sponsors, including Mr Mikardo and Mr Robert Hughes, not realizing, until told, that they were such.

No outsider can be totally sure who, during that all-night session at the Commons, subsequently said what to whom. What is clear is that the letter writers decided to precipitate matters. They got up to 26 signatures. Mr Robin Cook went with the letter at 4 am to the Press Association office in the Commons only to find that Mr Benn had preceded him. Mr Cook went down to Mr Mikardo with his letter only to be told, correctly, as Mr Mikardo puts it in his letter of reply: "One of our members has already committed himself publicly and indeed did so before I received your letter".

In subsequent conversations around dawn Mr Hughes was misinterpreted as saying he was unhappy and believed, by fellow MPs, to be reconsidering his sponsorship of Mr Benn. Instead, it seems, Mr Hughes told them that with hindsight he could see that they had a case for being unhappy. But he will not defect from Mr Benn.

Mr Benn may say that elections heal and resolve choices. But of one thing his opponents can be certain; he never gives up, even when defeated. They can thank him at least, that he has given them six clear months to prepare.

Uncaring young America

New York

An attempted assassination is different in scale from an actual assassination, both in its consequences and in its impact on the emotions. Yet even taking that into account, many Americans, especially those in contact with young people, have detected a reaction here this week that contrasts significantly with that which followed the killings of the 1960s.

On the day following the attempt, newspapers all over the country published editorials saying wearily and sadly: "Here we go again." They foresaw another period of agonized self-questioning about the violence in American society and where it would lead the nation.

Yet to a surprising extent that has not occurred. Two reasons have already been much discussed. One is the President's own surprising cheerfulness and the other is that over the years people have become desensitized to such acts of violence. Television presumably has much to do with that. *The New York Post* calculated yesterday that in the week before the shooting, 16 fictional murders were committed on the three main television networks.

A third reason is that President Reagan is not, as President Kennedy was, a leader with whom the young identify. It was young Americans (by now middle-aged Americans) who felt most desolate about the death of Kennedy and whose articulate anguish, reported worldwide, became the nation's reaction as recorded for posterity.

There is not much reason for young people to feel an emotional attachment to Mr Reagan. It is not simply that he is 70, but the policies with which he is associated—lower taxes for the rich, cuts in social services, support for tyrannical right-wing regimes—are the antithesis of youthful idealism.

Thus is was not really surprising that schoolchildren in Tulsa, Oklahoma, are reported to have cheered when they first heard the news of the shooting on Monday. In Cleveland, Ohio—a struggling industrial city, not part of Mr Reagan's natural constituency—people telephoned television stations angrily on Monday afternoon, complaining that their favourite programmes had been cancelled for live coverage of the aftermath of the attack.

In Philadelphia, Dominic Manno, columnist for the University of Pennsylvania's student newspaper, wrote that his first reaction to the news was "too bad he missed". Then when he heard that the President had been hit, he thought: "I hope he dies". He was later questioned by two Secret Service Agents.

It scarcely needs stressing that this is the view of an unrepresentative minority. Some young people believe it is smart to be callous. America is essentially a decent country whose citizens deplore attempts to enforce political change by assassination.

Yet for every Dominic Manno there are hundreds of thousands of youngsters who care little enough for Mr Reagan and for the political system which brought him to office to remain detached and indifferent about his fate.

We may have been seeing this week a pointer to a new and more militant mood on college campuses and among young people in the cities.

Michael Leapman

Face to face in Fermanagh

No election to the House of Commons ever presented a more extraordinary or unsatisfactory choice to a bewildered electorate: either to support a young idealistic imprisoned terrorist who seems determined to starve himself to death; or to vote for a middle-aged gentleman farmer, landowner, pillar of the "loyalist" establishment, former MP and ex-Stormont Cabinet minister.

The 71,500 voters of Fermanagh and South Tyrone are familiar with bitterness and division in their beautiful farming constituency. The area has an ugly and murderous past, much of it recent and deeply ingrained.

Terrorism has given birth to an emotive and tragic phenomenon in this border country: the Fermanagh widows, 60 women whose husbands have been murdered in a decade of violence, and to the Protestants they are a force more powerful than most outsiders could imagine.

The Fermanagh widows have become a cult, a symbol, something to demonstrate, the exceptional will of the Unionists to remain British. Hardly anybody leaves, even though the murders go on. And now they see an IRA man, and an important one at that, meeting a good Unionist in democratic combat.

It will be more than just another by-election next Thursday. It is a contest between two men with different historical understandings, different allegiances, backgrounds, generations and aspirations—two men who personify the conflict of 800 years.

Robert Sands is aged 27, Harold West is 64. Mr Sands is smuggling election addresses from a hospital bed in the Maze Prison which sprawls across several acres in ugly contrast to the surrounding countryside eight miles from Belfast. Mr West is operating from his splendid farmhouse outside Enniskillen, the only proper town in the rural lakeland county of Fermanagh.

Fermanagh's choice: Unionist Harold West or Maze prisoner Robert Sands.

On paper Mr Sands, serving 14 years for posssion of firearms, should win the election. There is a nationalist majority over the Unionists of about 6,000 but many Roman Catholics will abstain rather than support an IRA man; the outcome is therefore not entirely predictable.

He has been on hunger strike since March 1 in support of political status. He cannot and will not call off his fast without a powerful reason and nobody can be sure whether success in the election would be reason enough. Probably, it would not.

Provisional Sinn Fein says Mr Sands will immediately resign if he wins, thus precipitating another by-election in which neither he nor any Sinn Fein candidate would participate. To be the sole representative of the nationalist side is already a victory in itself, whatever the outcome of the poll; to win would be a propaganda sensation.

Mr Sands became the only anti-Unionist runner because of the exceptional gift of guile and taste for intrigue repeatedly demonstrated by Provisional Sinn Fein, whose propaganda machine leaves its rivals standing.

The moderate Social Democratic and Labour Party was deftly outmanoeuvred and is now in danger of tearing itself apart by internal squabbling. The decision to withdraw its candidate in order to concentrate resources on the local elections in May in the belief that one or more candidates other than Mr Sands would fight the nationalist corner, may prove to be one of the decisive mistakes of a usually talented leadership.

What they have done is leave the nationally-mind Roman Catholics of Fermana and South Tyrone with choice of voting for a man violence, or not voting at and many of them are ang and bewildered.

There is a historical pre dent for this remarkable el tion Philip Clarke a 21-year-o civil servant from Dublin, w was serving ten years for tre on after an IRA raid Omagh military barracks. Tyrone, captured the cons tuency for Sinn Fein in 19 by 261 votes. He was the o nationalist candidate and sole rival was a model of British ascendancy in Irelan Lt Col R. G. Grosvenor.

The seat was granted Colonel Grosvenor by a Hig Court judge presiding over petition court in Enniskill because of a now defunct ru under the Forfeitures Act 18 which stated that anybo serving more than 12 mont in prison could not enter t Commons.

In the 10 polls since the co stituency was created befo the 1950 election, nationali candidates have been electe six times.

Mr Sands, in an electio address smuggled from th Maze, declares: "There is b one issue at stake—the right o human dignity for Irishme and women who are impri oned for taking part in th period of the historic struggl for Irish independence".

Mr West said in his manife to that Ulster's links with th Crown and place within th United Kingdom must b maintained and strengthened.

And in those opposing com ments from two very differen Irishmen lies the essence o the country's tragedy.

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FROM WHITEHALL TO BOARDROOM

Former poachers sometimes make excellent gamekeepers, it is said, and vice versa. A lively interchange of knowledge and skill between the two occupations would contribute to the advancement of both, supposing that that was a desirable object. But some doubt might arise whether those serving for the time being as gamekeepers really had their hearts in it. It is similar with the Civil Service and the world of business and industry. It is healthy for both sides to have a close understanding of the motives and pressures affecting the other, and movement between the two helps to bring this about. It would be better if there was more movement than there is, especially into the public service from outside. But the interchange can create conflicts of interest, arising especially in the enlarged area of public contracts.

The Commons committee which has been examining these problems reported this week, late but still in unreconciled conflict as to whether the existing processes for preventing public servants from exploiting their inside knowledge for their private profit (either before or after leaving the service) were adequate.

A confidential committee exists to advise the Prime Minister when Crown servants of the rank of under-secretary or above propose to take work, within two years of their resignation or retirement, in firms they had regular professional dealings with. The Prime Minister may forbid the former official to take the appointment, but no formal powers exist to enforce this. In the United States, by contrast, fines and prison sentences of up to two years can be imposed for the breach of an extensive and specific set of rules.

The number of cases which have aroused public disquiet since the present rules were introduced in 1975 is small—half a dozen at most. In almost all of those, the disquiet was probably groundless. But small numbers *do not mean that the* rules are working well. The controversial cases, which naturally tended to involve very senior public servants, aroused fears and suspicions about the service which the present system is poorly adapted to set at rest. The advisory committee works without external scrutiny, and it is mainly made up of public servants or former public servants, who might uncharitably be thought to take an indulgent view of colleagues' lucrative appointments. Nor do the rules have anything to say about taking appointments with foreign governments, nor about trading on one's inside knowledge as a self-employed consultant, nor about areas like the health service and local government, where responsibilities and temptations can also be great.

There is no reason to think abuses are common. But it is essential to guard against the possibility. New rules should not create obstacles to legitimate movement from one sector to the other, nor, obviously, risk disclosure of the confidential information that they exist to protect. The suggestions put forward by the report this week point the way to more satisfactory rules. The advisory committee should include more members able to consider issues from a viewpoint outside the public service. Its operations should be open to scrutiny by a parliamentary committee, sitting in private when necessary but able to comment publicly as it saw fit. Similar parliamentary scrutiny exists in the field of defence without apparent danger to security. Changes along these lines would not imply that public servants abuse their position, but would help to put them above suspicion.

MR TRUDEAU SOFTENS HIS LINE

Signs that Mr Trudeau is modifying his plan to use Westminster to rubber stamp his new Canadian constitution behind the back of the eight dissenting provinces are welcome. He is now discussing a deal with the Progressive Conservative opposition in the federal parliament under which he would refrain from triggering the Westminster mechanism for amending the British North America Acts until the Supreme Court has ruled. It has before it an appeal by the provinces against the Manitoba Appeal Court's rejection of their arguments that to obtain legislation in London without full provincial agreement would be unconstitutional.

It remains to be seen if this deal will come off. Mr Trudeau is not prepared to await the Supreme Court judgment unconditionally, though he must be fairly confident of it. He stands on the assertion that amending the constitution is solely within *the federal parliament's jurisdiction*. Hence his earlier marked omission to ask the Supreme Court for a declaratory judgment, after he had failed to get (despite interminable consultations) the agreement of more than two provinces to his patriation package.

He has now changed his position to the extent of offering not to send the resolution to London provided the opposition votes for it as it stands, so that it can then be sent direct to the Supreme Court for its advisory ruling. Earlier, he was merely prepared to undertake not to "press" the British Government to pass the package into law before the Supreme Court had made its ruling upon the appeal of the provinces against the adverse judgment of the Manitoba Appeals Court. (They are now slightly fortified by the favourable judgment of the Newfoundland Court, which the Supreme Court would take into account.)

Yet the opposition is not satisfied. They would prefer that the actual vote on the resolution should be deferred until the Supreme Court has made its judgment. They may fear that the judgment might be in a form which, even if it does not wholly sustain the federal government's case, would be so worded as to leave a loophole for Mr Trudeau, with the resolution passed, to send it to London anyway. As Mr Trudeau cannot concede that he is legally bound by an advisory judgment, abstention from the final act of sending the resolution as passed to London would depend on his political promises only. He would hardly break these, but the opposition is unwilling to let the package pass the House in a form ready to be fired off whenever excuse offered.

That Mr Trudeau is ready to make these concessions suggests that he feels a need to meet widespread criticism of what is dubbed an underhand way of getting round provincial opposition—and also perhaps a sense that it is now or never. Canadian opinion is worked up and wants patriation. There is now little in the bill of rights to upset the citizen, as opposed to the provincial establishments—indeed it now gives the citizen limited defence against his provincial as well as federal master. Meanwhile the provinces have been working to change their image of objecting to everything without offering agreed alternatives: they claim they now have an agreed formula on constitutional amendment which meets federal and provincial requirements. Should the Supreme Court's judgment point to further federal-provincial negotiations there are thus grounds for concessions all round.

But it is a little too soon for British legislators to think the invidious choice between federal and provincial demands has been obviated. If the Supreme Court rules for the federal government, Westminster will be able to pass the Canada Bill thankfully and expeditiously. If the judgment goes the other way, there is no assurance that Westminster will be spared embarrassment permanently. But now that Mr Trudeau has made partial obeisance to the Supreme Court's authority, Westminster would be on strong ground in waiting for its views.

THE TRANSLATION OF DR LEONARD

Set beside the events leading to the disappointment of Archdeacon Grantly's hopes and the bestowal of the bishopric of Barchester on Doctor and Mrs Proudie, the politics of Dr Graham Leonard's translation from Truro to London are a pale affair. Then no vacancy-in-see committee or crown appointments commission meddled in the matter. If the old bishop expired before the ministry fell the outgoing prime minister would put in his man: if the old bishop lingered on the incoming prime minister would put in his man. The position was well understood; and although the chronicler begged to be allowed to draw a curtain over the sorrows of the archdeacon as he sat, sombre and sad at heart, in the study of his parsonage at Plumstead Episcopi, he reported no outcry against the system of episcopal appointments.

The Church of England is more sensitive these days, for it has since been at pains to purge itself of most of the Erastian traits implanted in it by King Henry VIII. Parliament has relaxed its grip on the Church's worship and doctrine—although certain peers, incensed by the "ritual murder" of the Book of Common Prayer, will attempt to reassert that grip in the House of Lords next week. The Privy Council has surrendered its appellate jurisdiction in causes embracing doctrine, ritual and disciplinary conduct. More recently the Church sought to escape from the position in which the effective advice to the Queen in the nomination of diocesan bishops came from the prime minister after informal soundings by his appointments secretary. Political intervention in choice of the Apostles' successors—though almost as old as Christendom—was thought to be derogatory to the Church as a spiritual society.

In 1974 the General Synod affirmed the principle "that the decisive voice in the appointment of diocesan bishops should be that of the Church". It fell to Mr Callaghan as Prime Minister to respond after lengthy discussions with all concerned. In his proposals the "decisive voice" requested by the Synod shrank to "a greater say in the process of choosing its leaders", while the Prime Minister would retain a "real element of choice". Those proposals were put in the procedural form which has just given Dr Leonard to London.

On this occasion, by choosing the second not the first name passed to her by the Crown Appointments Commission, the Prime Minister exercised a discretion that had been expressly reserved to her office with the agreement of Synod five years ago. That is not much of a pad from which to launch a campaign for disestablishment—especially as she plumped for a prelate of distinction, possessed of intellectual, moral and doctrinal force of a kind the Church stands in some need of. If the choice had been left to the official ecclesiastical machinery he would not have been given preferment.

Far from discrediting the new arrangements for appointing bishops, this episode illustrates one of the virtues of Establishment, which is to correct a tendency of the (universal) church to play into the hands of its own apparatus. Of course the fact that the secular intervention was benign this time does not mean that it must always be so. A preference for the most compliant candidate might conceivably become habitual.

That much can be conceded to Canon Paul Oestreicher who made out a case for disestablishment in a letter to *The Times* this week. But his dark vision of the Church of England abject before totalitarianism, as in the remnants of the Austro-Hungarian empire now within the Soviet sphere of influence, hardly conforms with one's observation of the present temper of the Church of England or one's expectations of the future course of British politics—even with Mr Benn standing for the deputy leadership.

Abduction of Mr Biggs

From Mr Brian Bagnall

Sir, In Mr Marcel Berlins's article today (March 31) on the "ifs and buts of the Biggs affair" a further question is begged (in voicing it, let me emphasize that it does not imply my condoning any aspect of the crime for which Biggs was convicted and for which society's sentence remains unfulfilled). It is this: in seeking Biggs's extradition from a country where he was taken by a criminal act—not dissimilar in nature from the kidnapping and hijackings which we find abhorrent—is the judiciary thus saying that the end justifies the means?

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN BAGNALL,
Shalford Mill,
Surrey.

Sexual equality

From Mrs M. M. Evans

Sir, What condescending praise from Sir Mark Norman (March 28) for the few "wise women" who managed to succeed in their chosen fields apparently before the onset of motherhood! Thereafter, were these women, allegedly successful "in diverse occupations", content to act as prop and stimulation to their chosen man when he "is in need and the family is threatened" and when he cannot achieve anything without having a convenient cleaner, cook and housekeeper around?

Women who succeed in their professions would be lucky indeed to do so before having children, as for most, the number of working years this gives must be an approximate maximum of 10. Women are in a minority in the professions, despite the fact that some few rise to the top. One of the greatest difficulties women face is the gap in career opportunities which opens as soon as they retire to have a family.

A recent survey carried out for the Equal Opportunities Commission reveals that women teachers with children are three times more likely than men to experience demotion during their search for a headship, and only 4 per cent of secondary heads in maintained schools are married women. Since a further 14 per cent of headships were achieved by single women, the argument must revolve around not whether women are capable but whether opportunities equal to those open to men are denied to them.

If archaic views such as Sir Mark Norman is putting forward can still find favour with the electorate as he suggests, the EOC still has a great deal of work to do in its attempt to promote socio-sexual justice. True equality will only begin to surface when boys and men are educated to respect the right of women to develop their real potential, and actively to support them by sharing family-based tasks and responsibilities, and by girls and women expecting to use their abilities in pursuit of earning a living instead of relying on men to keep them for life.

Yours faithfully,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lessons from the Reagan shooting

From the Chief Rabbi

Sir, It seems that some most vital lessons have so far escaped notice in the massive media reportage and comments on the Reagan assassination attempt which, literally by an inch, missed plunging the Free World into a major crisis by once again traumatizing America and paralyzing its power, possibly for years to come.

John Hinckley, the accused assailant, was brought up in wealth (although his parents doubtless cared deeply for his welfare). He was reportedly obsessed to avenge an unrequited love by killing a President after seeing a film which planted this perverse idea in his head. And he was a member of the American Nazi Party.

Some conclusions appear indicated. Wealth without responsibility is as great a menace to society as poverty without relief. Children who have everything and have never known what it means to struggle are no less at risk in becoming social misfits than the deprived.

We cannot accept that violence on the screen bears little relation to the rising crime rate. This argument should now be exposed as unreasoned and dangerous.

Clearly the advocates of race hatred and discrimination do not limit their victims to Jews and blacks. The German Nazis also began with the Jews and ended with the destruction of 20 million lives in history's greatest bloodbath. Groups promoting hate should be outlawed, and their propaganda suppressed, as posing a greater danger to society than drugs or smoking.

Those lessons are just as urgent as the obvious need for gun control. By a strange irony, no one is personally better qualified to win popular support for all these four lessons than President Reagan himself. He is wealthy, he is a hero of the film industry, he has been a victim of racist madness, and he has been a supporter of the gun lobby. Our prayers are with him for his physical recovery as for his moral stamina in ridding the world of evils which threaten the lives of millions as they nearly ended his own.

Yours sincerely,
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April 2.

Security risks

From Brigadier D. C. Blomfield-Smith (Retired)

Sir, Three primary tasks for anyone working for the Russian intelligence service in this country have to be, 1, to obtain classified information about our Armed Services, by any means and without undue scruple; 2, to sabotage the special relationship and confidence between the United States and United Kingdom intelligence services by discrediting the latter; 3, when necessary, to distract attention and divert effort which might otherwise prove embarrassing to Russian intelligence.

In the light of these facts can we be 100 per cent sure that Mr Pincher is not an agent of the Russian intelligence service? I am not, of course, saying that he is, only that it would be interesting to know how a person without authorised access to highly classified information became "Britain's foremost authority on espionage".

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
D. C. BLOMFIELD-SMITH,
Wicken Brook,
Arkesden,
Saffron Walden,
Essex.
March 31.

Evangelical views

From Dr P. J. Giddings

Sir, It is sad that your Religious Affairs Correspondent is unable to *follow your newspaper's tradition* for objectivity when reporting (March 30) events involving Evangelical Christians. Mr Longley may not agree with Evangelical theology; he may not share our form of social concern; he may even choose to ignore the many examples of Evangelical piety. But to present his selective prejudices in the guise of a factual report of the opening of a shared building, under a headline suggesting an analysis of the state of English Evangelicalism, falls well below the standard of journalism one expects from your newspaper.

Mr Longley implies that Evangelicals discount intellectual effort and doubt the sincerity and validity of other Christian traditions. Well might one retort: physician, heal thyself!

Yours faithfully,
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March 30.

Dickens plagiarisms

From the Curator of The Dickens House Museum

Sir, Paul Hoggart and the Saturday Review are both to be congratulated upon his article on contemporary plagiarisms of Dickens (March 28).

Readers especially interested in the subject may be pleased to know that an important collection of such plagiarisms has recently been acquired by the Dickens House, thanks to the generosity of the late Leslie C. Staples, for many years editor of *The Dickensian*, and almost a lifelong member of the Dickens Fellowship. Together with other valuable items, he bequeathed to the house nearly 100 separate titles in this field, including those mentioned by Mr Hoggart, and such rarities as *Nicholas Nickelbery* by "Bos".

The collection has been catalogued and is ready for use by researchers. A longer report on it will appear in the summer issue of *The Dickensian*.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID PARKER, Curator,
The Dickens House Museum,
48 Doughty Street, WC1.
March 31.

Beating inflation key to recovery

From Professor F. A. Hayek, FBA

Sir, It should surprise no one that the lost generation of British economists who had succumbed to the teaching of Lord Keynes should form a panicky mob when a reversal of the policies they had inspired reveals the damage they have done. They significantly can only refer to, but cannot specify, the "other methods" by which their professed aim can be achieved. (Letter from 364 economists to Mrs Thatcher.)

Following their advice has induced a structure of employment that can be maintained only by accelerating inflation but will collapse only when it becomes a gallop and destroys any possibility of a rational use of resources. Nobody has ever claimed that so long as it is necessary to reduce inflation to get out of this vicious circle the effect can be anything but to destroy the particular employments created by past inflation.

Only after inflation has been brought to a full stop can the market be expected to guide workers to jobs which can be maintained without accelerating inflation. All those who plead for "mild" inflation and oppose "too much" inflation are merely preparing the ground for a later depression.

If the present Government, I don't believe its head, can be blamed for anything, it is for going too slowly about the job. As I have stressed more than once in these pages, even a very high unemployment will be borne for a short period if it leads in a few months to a condition of monetary stability in which a new recovery can start, in the course of which workers are drawn into employment that will continue without new inflation. All employment which can be maintained only by (even moderate) inflation is a waste of resources for which we shall have to pay later by renewed growth of unemployment.

Lest the readers be unduly impressed by the sheer numbers of the signers of the statement I may perhaps add that, so far as I can see, less than a quarter of the economists who are Fellows of the British Academy have signed that statement.

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April 1.

From Lord Harris of High Cross

Sir, As an economist who was not invited to sign the petition against Government policy, I read the list of 364 names with special interest. With a few honourable exceptions, the more prominent signatories read like a charge sheet of those responsible for Britain's relative economic decline since the war. Their lack of stomach for persevering against inflation may also have something to do with their complacent enjoyment of indexed pensions. All honour, therefore, to the majority who did not sign.

The most disturbing feature of the catalogue is the wholly unrepresentative preponderance of economists from the once-famed faculty at Cambridge which launched the petition with a block vote of 52. As an old Cambridge man, I once jestingly referred to the iron curtain having been "temporarily rolled down on the Marshallian school". The long list of mostly unknown signatories from Cambridge suggests that readiness to sign this kind of essentially political testament has since certainly been no hindrance to "academic" preferment.

Yours faithfully,
RALPH HARRIS,
House of Lords.

State's role in appointment of bishops

From Canon D. R. Jones

Sir, When in 1976 new procedures were agreed between Church and State for the appointment of diocesan bishops, many of us hailed this as a reasonable solution to a long-standing grievance in the Church. Without disestablishment and its time-wasting upheavals, the agreement seemed to give the Church the effective voice in the choice of its episcopal leaders.

Those of us who supported this development were however aware that the insistence on a final choice between two names by the Prime Minister would have to be balanced by a willingness to observe *the spirit* of the agreement. We understand that the Prime Minister could not constitutionally be a rubber stamp, but would normally accept the Church's first choice and that there would have to be powerful reasons for insisting on *the letter* of the agreement and rejecting that choice.

We are bound to ask what were the powerful reasons in the case of the choice of a bishop for the diocese of London. Plainly the confidentiality assumed for such appointments has been penetrated by some skilful listening, interpreting and reporting. This may be a *good thing*, since otherwise the Church has no means of generating the confidence that her procedures are correct.

Three reasons for the Prime Minister's intervention may be guessed.

(1) The first is that she has submitted to lobbying. If the new system were to be such that the final choice could be influenced by lobbying the Prime Minister, the precedent would raise a horrifying prospect. The Church would react against the system and change it.

(2) A second reason is that the Prime Minister became convinced that the present official policies of the General Synod should be *checked by the appointment of a* notably independent character to the third see. Many who would *sympathize with such a motive will* nevertheless deplore the notion that the Prime Minister has the right *to bring the Church to heel*. This again would ultimately lead the Church to change the system.

(3) Or was it that the Prime Minister, through the advice available to her, believed she knew better than the Church through its agreed and complex procedures? If this were so, we would have to conclude that the new system is as vunerable as the one it replaces.

Or is there some other reason that escapes the imagination? Unless something convincing and reassuring comes up, the conclusion for many churchmen will be that the new procedures are no guarantee that the Church effectively chooses her leaders either in the letter or in the spirit. It may well be not the least of the follies of the Prime Minister to create disillusionment in moderate churchmen who were eager to claim the reality of freedom without the need for radical surgery.

Yours sincerely,
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April 2.

From Canon Spencer Wilson

Sir, Canon Oestreicher's comments (letter, April 2) are based on the mistaken assumption that the Church Crown Appointments Commission's second choice would be a man unacceptable to the Church.

Surely in submitting two names to the Prime Minister the Commission would choose two acceptable men, but show a preference. When the second man, as in the present case, is selected he is none the less acceptable to the Church.

Yours faithfully,
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The Vicarage,
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Haydock,
St Helens,
Merseyside.

From Bishop W. Warren Hunt

Sir, The Howick Commission on Crown Appointments in the Church, of which I was a member, considered the formation of such a body as we now have in the General Synod's appointment committee.

We decided that however confidential the members of such a committee were asked to keep their deliberations and decisions there were almost bound to be leakages.

How right we were, as the present situation over the appointment to the London diocese shows and as was *previously shown* over the appointment to Birmingham.

If the Church is to retain the present system the answer is not disestablishment, as Canon Paul Oestreicher (April 2) proposes, but for those who are put into confidential positions to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest what "confidential" means.

Yours faithfully,
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Nr Chichester,
West Sussex.

Food production priorities

From Dr Alan Long

Sir, The outturn of the next British grain harvest is forecast to reach 19 million tons, with available stocks for the year 1980-81 running at about 23 million tons, of which 11 million tons will be used to feed farm animals and nine million tons will go into food for human consumption or be used for industrial purposes. We shall have to import a whole harvest of three million tons of maize to feed intensively reared poultry and pigs, as well as about a million tons of protein feeds, for boosting yields of meat and milk from animals unable to meet modern demands for production from grass alone.

Out of the annual consumption of five million tons of wheat for flour and bread only three million tons will be home grown, because British farmers surfeit the market with feed-wheats while we have to import expensive North American and EEC wheat to make bread, much of which is a white product depleted in some of its most important elements to furnish concentrates for intensively reared animals. Our exports of cereals are likely to reach a new peak at three million tons, most of it barley for brewing.

Since 1950 cereal-yields per hectare have doubled in the Western world. Meat-production and dairying dominate British farming, which has degenerated into an animal-feeding industry, cruelly working off gluts of cereals and keeping prices out of reach of the hungry in poorer nations. Our miserable performance—and Britain still has to import meat—is accentuated by our neglect of forestry: our land is sparsely wooded and we have to import over 90 per cent of our timber and tree-products.

Britain can shoulder its responsibilities in the world's food supplies (letter, March 16) by an understanding among consumers and producers that we should reduce the greed for meat and milk and cater for our need by growing food rather than feed. Both our health and our reputation would be enhanced.

Good wishes,
ALAN LONG,
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Out for the count

From Mr Andrew Kirby

Sir, Might I suggest that on the night of April 5-6, readers who particularly dislike the intrusive nature of certain government activities hold a Census Party?

As many people as possible should be invited to stay for as much of the night as they can, and as they leave should be entered on their host's census form.

After all such an opportunity only comes once every 10 years, surely it behoves us to celebrate it in true style?

Yours faithfully,
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Surrey.

The impact of jury verdicts

From Lord Devlin, FBA

Sir, Your Legal Correspondent reports (April 1) that as a result of "the Moonies case", which lasted for six months, the law is to be changed. He draws attention to an amendment to the Supreme Court Bill, at present in the House of Lords, to provide for non-jury trial in libel cases of unusual length.

The Moonies is the sort of case in which the verdict of a jury gives much greater satisfaction to the public than the opinion of a judge, however able. It would be better if, before the law is changed, the legal profession were to give serious consideration to the question whether a trial that lasts so long is really necessary in order to do justice.

Yours, etc,
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April 1.

USSR aid to terrorists

From Professor Paul Wilkinson

Sir, The CIA's reported denial of Soviet involvement in international terrorism (March 30) will astonish experienced students of the subject, and is evidence of growing confusion in the American debate on this subject. There is an urgent need for some brief clarification.

Although it would be absurd to pretend that the USSR masterminds all international terrorism, or that terrorism needs sponsor states in order to exist, there *is* overwhelming evidence that Soviet aid reaches many terrorist movements. This takes the form of training, weapons, cash and "diplomatic assistance", often channelled through intermediaries such as Cuba, the PLO, Bulgaria and East Germany.

Not surprisingly the Soviet Union officially disavows international terrorism, but they make no secret of their aid to selected "national liberation struggles", which often amounts to the same thing. Nor are they too fussy about the ideological rectitude of their protegés. They are quite happy to exploit terrorism on an opportunistic basis, in combination with other methods, to weaken or subvert non-communist states.

The complex processes of Soviet involvement in terrorism have been carefully analysed by Western specialists since the early seventies. The Agency will not improve its somewhat battered reputation by misinforming the United States Government and public on a significant international problem.

Yours sincerely,
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March 30.

The broad view of art

From the Chairman of the Association of Art Historians and others

Sir, Over the next three years the Council for National Academic Awards intends to phase out its History of Art/Design and Complementary Studies Board, which has hitherto overseen the historical and academic content of degrees in art and design and to replace it by individual representatives on the different subject boards—fine art, graphic design, fashion, etc.

Although it looks like a simple organization change, this plan, which has been pushed through with extraordinary haste, would we believe be disastrous for the future of art education in this country.

What is at issue is the breadth and overall content of art and design courses and their status as an education rather than a training. Art and design students taking BA degrees have the right not only to historical studies professionally taught, but to a whole range of educational possibilities outside their particular specialism, and it is to offer these possibilities in a structured way across the whole field of art and design that History of Art/Design and Complementary Studies departments exist.

To deprive them of their independent voice is to question the values for which they stand and in these critical times to threaten their very existence. We cannot believe that this is the council's intention and we strongly urge it to change its mind.

Yours faithfully,
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Iceberg of the tip

From Mr Robert Barltrop

Sir, Where does Lord Kingsale (April 1) get the idea that "the lower classes do not tip"? Round my way, in East London, tipping the barber (or ladies' hairdresser) is universal; the dustmen are tipped if they take anything beyond the normal; so are delivery men and anyone who carries out a household service; and so on.

When I did a butcher's round in my teens, in a poor district, tips increased my weekly wage by about a third.

Perhaps Lord Kingsale is misled by the fact that the word "tip" is seldom used. A straightforward gratuity is "a drink" or "beer money"; the necessary but less open payment "to ensure promptness" is "drop" or "dropsy", ie, money *dropped* in the palm.

Under these descriptions working-class people do more tipping than the other social groups because, however objectionable it may be, they understand that it is part of the other fellow's living. Thus, Lord Kingsale's word "unthinking" is untrue.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT BARLTROP,
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April 1.



COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 3: The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher, His Excellency the Ambassador of the Hungarian People's Republic and Madame Lorincz-Nagy, His Excellency the High Commissioner of the Bahamas and Mrs Roberts, the Duke of Atholl, the Right Hon Kenneth and Mrs Robinson, Rabbi and Mrs Albert Friedlander, Miss Christian Howard, Mr and Mrs Robin Leigh-Pemberton and Mr and Mrs Christopher Tugendhat have left the Castle.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 3: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present at a Luncheon with Her Majesty's Judges given by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs today at the Central Criminal Court.

The Lady Juliet Townsend and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 3: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester this evening attended the RAF Anniversary Concert at the Royal Festival Hall, London.

Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton was in attendance.

A book of condolence on the death of Sir Alexander Downer will be open for signature in the main entrance of Australia House, Strand, from Monday, from 9 till 5. Anyone wishing to express sympathy is invited to do so.

Mr and Mrs Gordon Richardson regret that they were unable to attend the service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Edward Holland-Martin yesterday because of absence abroad.

Birthdays today

Sir Robert Askin, 72; the Duke of Beaufort, 81; Sir John Beith, 67; Sir Francis Evans, 84; Brigadier Anne Field, 55; Mr Trevor Griffiths, 46; Earl Jellicoe, 63; Viscount Leathers, 73; the Marqués de Santa Cruz, 79.

TOMORROW: Mr J. Gilbert, MP, 54; Mr Gontran Goulden, 69; Sir Douglas Henley, 62; Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund Irving, 71; the Hon Dame Olivia Mulholland, 79; Mr W. R. Hornby Steer, 82; Mr Herbert von Karajan, 73; Vice-Admiral Sir Dymock Watson, 77.

£250,000 Bond winner

The winning number in the April draw for the £250,000 Premium Savings Bond prize was: 11YF 254554. The winner lives in Buckinghamshire.

Bringing to light the manuscript treasures of Mount Sinai

St Catherine's monastery on Mount Sinai was founded in the sixth century on the traditional site of the burning bush. Since then it has been in continuous use as a religious community. Over the years its library has yielded many treasures, the most famous being the fourth-century Bible known as Codex Sinaiticus. This manuscript contains the whole of the New Testament, parts of the Old and two non-canonical works, and is probably the best-known biblical manuscript in the world. Since it was published in 1862 its text has influenced the Greek New Testament and many recent English versions.

Over one hundred years later in 1975 a particularly important cache of manuscripts was found by chance at St Catherine's by monks repairing a wall. They relayed news of the find to the Greek government who sent out two professors and also experts from the National Library in Athens to investigate the significance of the newly discovered texts. The monks intended the survey to be confidential but the discovery was reported in 1978 in both the German and Greek press.

Initial reports suggested that this was a most important and substantial collection of early manuscripts on papyrus and on parchment containing biblical, patristic and secular works in Greek, Latin, Syriac and other languages. Forty-seven boxes containing fragments of about three thousand manuscripts were seen, although only a handful of the actual texts have been examined by competent experts, and only a few photographs have been taken. One report even suggests that missing pages of Codex Sinaiticus are included in this recent discovery.

The slow task of conserving, restoring and photographing the manuscripts is one for which the monks have neither time nor expertise. Even with help from Greece the work would take many years. Tactless and impatient press comment about the speed with which the work would proceed was attributed to some German scholars and has hindered international cooperation. Attempts to coerce the Greek government to pressurize the monks into permitting immediate publication have also been counter-productive. This is unfortunate for in many ways the Institute of New Testament Textual Research in Münster is best equipped to microfilm, publish and collate the biblical manuscripts involved. The monastic authorities though have long memories and are particularly distrustful of German scholars. It was Konstantin von Tischendorf who removed Codex Sinaiticus from the monastery in 1859 leaving behind a letter promising its return. That letter remains framed in the monastery library; the manuscript is in the British Library.

A further complicating factor in the attempts of foreign scholars to gain access to the new finds is that until recently St Catherine's was in Israeli-held territory. Now that it is reported that Sinai is about to be completely returned to the Egyptians the monks may feel that it is more appropriate for them to wait a while longer for a more settled political situation before they encourage international visits. Protocol demands that such an invitation must come from the monastic custodians of these treasures. The monastery, albeit Greek Orthodox with Greek priests, is part of the autonomous church of Sinai, the archbishop of which is also abbot of St Catherine's.

In addition the monks are not inclined to grant hordes of scholars laden with photographic equipment a protracted stay in their monastery with the inevitable disruption to their way of life. This is understandable but it is nevertheless to be hoped that tactful and sympathetic approaches to the monks would result in some selected scholars gaining access to the new manuscripts to enable their publication now denied to the world at large for five tantalizing years.

In so far as Christianity is a religion based on an historical revelation its foundation documents are of especial importance. Christians need to be convinced that the copy of the scriptures they possess is as close as possible to the original. Biblical manuscripts as old and as significant as Codex Sinaiticus are not commonplace hence the significance justifiably placed on biblical finds in a location with the reputation of St Catherine's. The monks would indeed be fulfilling their Christian obligation to evangelize by allowing the church to benefit, perhaps only through photographic facsimiles, from their newly found manuscripts.

Recently Professor John Charlesworth of Duke University, North Carolina, told me that on a visit to the monastery last year he discovered that it now seems as if the manuscripts are "not available" even to the Greek palaeographic experts originally involved. His own desire to examine the texts was unfulfilled. Even the whereabouts of the manuscripts are now undisclosed.

In 1950 the monks allowed a team from the Library of Congress into the monastery for the purpose of microfilming its library as a step towards cataloguing and conserving the collection. It is now earnestly desired that through careful and diplomatic approaches another such team could be permitted to film the new stock. The world of scholarship in general and of Christian theology in particular would be eternally grateful to the monastery if these new texts were published. It is likely they could illuminate both the text of the Bible and also the early centuries of church history. The spirit of religious continuity and Christian devotion characterized by the presence of St Catherine's on Mount Sinai is well justified by the mere preservation of the manuscripts. Such commendation would be even greater with their publication.

J. K. Elliott,
Leeds University

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. V. Llewellyn and Miss T. M. C. Soskin
The engagement is announced between Roderic Victor, younger son of Colonel Sir Harry and the Hon Lady Llewellyn, of Llanvair Grange, near Abergavenny, Gwent, and Tatiana Manora Caroline, elder daughter of the late Mr Paul Soskin and Mrs Victor Simaika, of 137 Sloane Street, SW1, and of Cairo.

Mr R. T. Martin and Miss M. N. Willmott
The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of the late Mr A. F. Martin and Mrs Martin, of Oxford, and Nell, younger daughter of the late Mr H. C. Willmott and Mrs Willmott, of Oxford.

Dr R. L. Cottingham and Miss H. J. Rainbow
The engagement is announced between Rowland Lovat, only son of Major and Mrs K. D. Cottingham, of Windsor, Berkshire, and Helen Joy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs K. J. Rainbow, of Waldron, East Sussex.

Mr P. K. F. Spink and Miss S. N. V. Henslow
The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D. F. Spink, of Petersfield, Hampshire, and Sabrina, elder daughter of Major and Mrs J. L. M. Henslow, of Durleighmarsh Farm, Petersfield, Hampshire.

Mr C. W. J. Palmer and Miss U. S. Aziz
The engagement is announced between Charles, youngest son of Sir John and Lady Palmer, of Hensleigh, Tiverton, Devon, and Umi, youngest daughter of Mr Abdul Aziz and Wan Samsiah Aziz, of Kuala Lumpur.

Mr D. W. Doy and Miss R. G. E. Isaac
The engagement is announced between Desmond, son of Mr and Mrs Walter Doy, of Halesworth, Suffolk, and Rosemary, daughter of Professor and Mrs Peter Isaac, of Wylam, Northumberland.

Squadron Leader B. Sellers, RAF and Miss M. J. Turner
The engagement is announced between Brian, younger son of Mr and Mrs F. Sellers, of Wellington, Shropshire, and Marianne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs N. J. Turner, of Winchelsea, East Sussex.

Rev N. H. P. McKinnel and Miss J. A. Shipley
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. R. McKinnel, of Bradninch, Exeter, Devon, and Jacqueline Anne, daughter of Major and Mrs C. A. Shipley, of Three Bridges, Sussex.

Mr A. Riley and Miss D. Irving
The engagement is announced between Alasdair, elder son of Dr and Mrs J. F. Riley, of Dundee, Angus, and Dotti, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Irving, of Annan, Dumfriesshire.

Mr J. D. Campbell and Miss K. S. Forestier-Walker
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Robin Campbell, of Reigate, Surrey, and Katherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Claude Forestier-Walker, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Mr I. M. Gill and Miss G. Stoorza
The marriage will take place in San Diego, California, on April 24 between Ian, elder son of Dr and Mrs J. M. Gill, of Hereford, and Gail, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Blankenship, of Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr G. Lenox-Conyngham and Miss L. Gildea
The engagement is announced between Gerald, youngest son of Captain and Mrs Alwyn Lenox-Conyngham, of Westerley, Sturminster Newton, Dorset, and Laura, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Denis Gildea, of 35 Lovelace Road, London SE21.

Mr A. M. Betts and Miss K. E. E. Edwards
The engagement is announced between Ashley Montague, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G. M. Betts, of Salisbury, Zimbabwe, and Katharine Elinor Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. B. Edwards, of Ty'n-y-Bailey, Lisvane, Glamorgan.

Clockmaker's masterpiece is bought for £120,192

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

An astronomical table clock, the masterpiece of a sixteenth century Munich clockmaker, Veyt Schaufel, was sold by Sotheby's in Amsterdam for 625,000 guilders (estimate 650,000 to 850,000), or £120,192 on Thursday night.

It was bought by Edgar Mannheimer, the Zurich dealer, who makes no bones about the fact that he frequently bids in partnership with other leading horological dealers at auction. On this occasion he bid for and secured 26 lots in the sale for a total outlay of £242,548. He accounted for more than a third of the sale total of £671,279.

"Mannheimer organizes well", Mr J. P. Glerum, director of Sotheby's Mak van Waay, in Amsterdam, commented. "But we were prepared for this." High reserves had been set on the distinguished clocks and watches in the sale to preven t partnership bidding from depressing prices too far.

The sale was devoted to the collection of clocks and watches formed by Mr and Mrs W. L. Boon; the collection was begun in the 1930s, but the best pieces were collected by Mrs Boon between 1950 and her death in 1979.

The Schaufel astronomical clock is a work both of beauty and extreme rarity. The gilt metal case with silver dials is flanked by finely cast pillars with acanthus leaf and mask decoration, has an engraved openwork top, and is mounted on gargoyles. The mechanism is elaborate and besides its astronomical features, includes a sundial allowing its indifferent timekeeping to be checked daily against the sun.

The well organized bidding tended to keep the clock prices below estimate, but Koopman, the London dealer, beat the competition to pay 450,000 guilders for another masterpiece, a South German astrolabic striking clock by Hieronymus Syx, recorded as being completed in 1705.

The prices for watches, however, were generally very high with a late seventeenth-century gold and enamel verge watch by Jacobus Garnault being sold at 150,000 guilders (estimate 100,000 to 150,000), or £28,846. An early nineteenth-century gold and enamel duplex watch, made for the Chinese market by Ilbery of London, was sold for 96,000 guilders (estimate 60,000 to 75,000), or £18,462.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, patron and trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, attends Thanksgiving Service to celebrate award scheme's twenty-fifth anniversary, St Paul's Cathedral, 1.55.

Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Race, River Thames, Putney to Mortlake, 1.

Art history book fair, organized by Association of Art Historians, Bloomsbury Centre Hotel, Coram Street, 10 to 7.

National Shire horse show, East of England showground, Alwalton, Peterborough, 8.30 to 3.30.

Antique and collectors' fair, The Maltings, Waterside, Ely, 10 to 4.

Talks: Wild flowers of Europe, Desmond and Marjorie Parish, British Museum (Natural History), 3; UFOs without prejudice, Ian Watson, Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road entrance, 7; Military History, the era of Colonel Blimp ?, Brian Bond, National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, 2.30; The Arts and Crafts Movement, Victoria and Albert Museum, 12; and The 1920s, Anne Ceresole, 3; Family portraits in the National Portrait Gallery, a gallery trail; Angela Cox, National Portrait Gallery, 3.30.

Exhibitions: Sports Photographer of the Year, RPS National Centre of Photography, Milsom Street, Bath, 10 to 6; Passion for Birds, photographs, Harewood House, Harewood, Leeds, 11; Oils, watercolours, drawings and sculpture by National Gallery staff, 10 to 6.

Concert: The Elysian Concert Society presents *The Creation*, Haydn, Christ Church, Crouch End Hill, 7.30.

Tomorrow

The Duke of Edinburgh, honorary member of Windsor and Eton Rotary Club, attends gala charity performance to celebrate the club's golden jubilee, Theatre Royal, Windsor, 8.

Open days: Didcot Railway Centre, Didcot, 12 to 5; Stour Valley Railway Centre, Colchester, Essex, 11 to 6.

Exhibitions: Armoured Warfare, Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, 2 to 5.50; Gordon Richardson, Jorgen Sedwick, Ray Garvey, relief prints, sculpture and paintings, Woodlands Art Gallery, 90 Mycenae Road, 2 to 6.

Luncheons

HM Government
Sir Ian Gilmour, Lord Privy Seal, was host yesterday at a luncheon held at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the Prime Minister of Fiji. The High Commissioner for Fiji was among those present.

British Council
Dr P. A. I. Tabourdin, deputy director-general of the British Council, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Spring Gardens for members of the Anglo-Israeli Mixed Commission.

Dinners

British Institute of Management
The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies were the principal guests at the annual dinner of the City of London branch of the British Institute of Management held yesterday at the Mansion House. The speakers were Mr Ian G. Neilson, chairman, the Lord Mayor, Mr J. S. B. Quinn, chairman-designate, and Mr J. A. Boyes, headmaster of the City of London School.

Society of Chemical Industry
The president of the Society of Chemical Industry, Mr W. B. M. Duncan, presided over a dinner held last night in Guildhall to mark the centenary of the society. The principal guests included:
Lord and Lady Todd, Sir Raymond and Lady Pennock, and Sir Andrew and Lady Huxley.

Montgomeryshire Society
The annual dinner of the Montgomeryshire Society was held last night at the Institution of Civil Engineers. The speakers were Baroness White, president elect, Mr Delwyn Williams, MP, Major E. H. C. Davies, president, and Dr Geraint Gruffydd.

Vincent's Club
The annual dinner of Vincent's Club, Oxford, was held yesterday at The Queen's College, Oxford. Mr A. W. Ramsay was in the chair, and Mr J. J. McPartlin was the guest of honour.

Receptions

HM Government
The Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, accompanied by Mrs Younger, was host at a reception held yesterday in Edinburgh Castle to mark the tenth anniversary of the children's hearing system. Mr Russell Fairgrieve, Minister for Health and Social Work, Scottish Office, and Mrs Fairgrieve were also present.

Matthew Hall and Co Ltd
Sir Rupert Speir, Chairman of Matthew Hall & Co Ltd, was host at a reception held at Fishmonger's Hall, on April 2, in honour of Sir Derek Ezra, Chairman of the Keep Britain Tidy Group, and Lady Ezra. Other guests included:
The Earl of Shannon, Sir Maurice and Lady Hodgson, Sir Anthony Kershaw, MP, and Lady Kershaw, Sir John and Lady Tilney, Sir Freddie and Lady Warren, Princess Elizabeth Galitzine, the Provost of Southwark and Mrs Frankham, Miss S. Bealey, Mr and Mrs A. Beaumont, Mr and Mrs S. C. Bridges, Mr and Mrs A. R. Brown, Mr and Mrs D. Box, Mr and Mrs D. Caruth, Mr I. M. Eldridge, Mr and Mrs W. E. Eustace, Mr and Mrs H. K. Frederickson, Mr and Mrs E. A. Freeburg, Mr and Mrs D. Garrett, Miss C. Hardwick, Mr N. Healy, Mr G. Hill, Mr and Mrs D. R. I. Hodder, Mr and Mrs M. J. Holliday, Mr and Mrs A. H. J. Hoskins, Dr and Mrs B. C. Kilkenny, Mr D. J. Lewis, Mr and Mrs C. Mares, Mr and Mrs R. Murfitt, Mr and Mrs J. Pavard, Mr and Mrs C. Plouviez, Mr and Mrs H. C. Sagar, Mr and Mrs R. C. Shaw, Dr and Mrs D. Smith, Mr A. T. Spittle, Mr and Mrs P. L. Waite, Mr I. R. Walker, Mr and Mrs A. E. J. Yelland, Mr and Mrs W. A. Young, Mr N. S. Alexander and Miss S. L. Latham.

Service dinners

Exeter Flotilla
The annual dinner of the Exeter Flotilla was held in the Officers' Mess, Commando Training Centre, Royal Marines, Lympstone, yesterday. Lieutenant - Commander Arthur Tenniswood, chairman of the flotilla, presided and Vice-Admiral Simon Cassels, Flag Officer Plymouth, and Lieutenant-Commander George Barnwell also spoke.

The Parachute Regiment
10th Battalion The Parachute Regiment held their second all ranks reunion dinner at the White City on Saturday. Brigadier P. D. F. Thursby, Honorary Colonel of the 10th Battalion, presided. The principal guest was General Sir John Hackett.

1st Bn The Wessex Regiment (Rifle Volunteers)
Officers of the 1st Bn The Wessex Regiment (Rifle Volunteers) held a dinner in the Officers' Mess, West Down Camp, yesterday to dine out the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel J. G. T. Southwood. The Honorary Colonel, Major-General G. C. A. Gilbert, presided.

RAF Brampton
Air Vice-Marshal J. R. Rogers, Air Officer Training, RAF Support Command, and officers of Brampton Park Officers' Mess, RAF Brampton, held a guest night yesterday. Group Captain C. P. Baker presided and Air Marshal Sir John Gingell, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, RAF Support Command, was the principal guest.

Memorial service

Mr E. Holland-Martin
A memorial service for Mr Edward Holland-Martin was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated, assisted by the Rev B. L. Druce. The Bishop of Worcester pronounced the blessing. Mr Michael Hornby and Mr Cyril Holland-Martin (brother) read the lessons. Lord and Lady Home of the Hirsel attended. Others present included:
Mrs Holland-Martin (widow), Miss Penelope Holland-Martin (daughter), Mrs Cyril Holland-Martin, Mrs Thurstan Holland-Martin and Lady Holland-Martin (sisters-in-law), Mr and Mrs Tim Holland-Martin, Mr and Mrs Robin Holland-Martin, Commander and Mrs Anthony Hallett, Mr Giles Holland-Martin, Miss Emma Holland-Martin, Mr Ben Holland-Martin, Mrs Simon Hornby, Mr M. G. Bromley-Martin, Mr Robin Bromley-Martin, Mr and Mrs Charles Bromley-Martin, Captain and Mrs D. Bromley-Martin, Sir Charles and Lady Chadwyck-Healey.

Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk, the Duke and Duchess of Portland, the Duke and Duchess of Richmond and Gordon, the Marquess and Marchioness of Tavistock, the Marquess of Abergavenny, the Marquess and Marchioness of Zetland, Earl and Countess St Aldwyn, Countess Beauchamp, the Earl of Westmorland, Pamela Countess of Aylesford, Sybil Countess Fortescue, the Countess of Inchcape, Earl and Countess Cairns, Lord Rupert Nevill, Lord Willoughby de Broke, Anne Lady Hollenden, Lord Cobbold (representing the Governor of the Bank of England) and Lady Cobbold.

Lord and Lady Benson, Lord O'Brien of Lothbury, Lady Anne Montagu, Lady Angela Oswald, Lady Elizabeth Shakerley, Lady Moyra Browne, Lady Vanessa Pelham, the Hon Mrs Nicholas Assheton, the Hon Peter Samuel, the Hon C. E. Graves, the Hon Leo Russell, the Hon Philip and Mrs Kindersley, the Hon Verona Kitson (Riding for the Disabled Association), Lady Kleinwort, Sir William and Lady Pennington-Ramsden.

Major-General Sir James d'Avigdor Goldsmid, Sir Edmund Stockdale, the Dowager Lady Wakefield, Mary Lady Seely, Sir Derek Gilbey, Sir Peter Troubridge, Lady (John) Balfour, Lady Norman, Lady Agnew, Sir George and Lady Labouchere, Major-General Sir Randle Feilden, Sir Edward Playfair, Sir John and Lady Tilney, Lady Abel Smith, Sir Arthur Collins, Lady Hambro, Sir Philip and the Hon Lady de Zulueta, Sir John Russell, Major and the Hon Mrs Derek Allhusen, Lieutenant-Colonel and the Hon Mrs Carol Mather.

Major T. F. Blackwell, Captain and Mrs Leopold Lonsdale, Mr James Orr, Captain Miles Gosling (The Steeplechase Company, Cheltenham), Mr John Henderson (Cazenove and Company), Mrs Peter Cazalet, Mr P. G. Hedley-Dent, Mrs Oliver Brooke, Mr H. Sporborg, Mr J. D. Boles (National Trust), Mr Dorian Williams (chairman, British Horse Society), Mr Robert Gras (Lloyds Bank International), Mr Simon Watson (Merchant Banking Division, Lloyds Bank), Mr J. S. Davies (Barclays Bank), Mr John Glyn (chairman, Agricultural Mortgage Group), Mr G. Bowler (Sun Alliance Insurance Group), Mr D. Hamond Giles (representing the chairman and West End board directors, Sun Alliance Insurance Group), Mr D. de Trafford (Monks Investment Trust).

Brigadier W. G. Carr, Colonel and Mrs Peter Arkwright, Mrs Peter Laing, Mr J. Cobb, Mr John Schilizzi, Mrs Peter Laycock, Mr and Mrs Toby Caulfeild, Mrs David Sieff, Mrs J. Fox-Andrews, Colonel and Mrs W. H. Whitbread, Colonel Tom Hall, Mr R. N. Richmond-Watson, Mr A. Fesling, Rear-Admiral J. C. Bartosik, Mr and Mrs Ralph Snagge.

Mr N. V. Honloke, Mr David Karmel, QC, and Mrs Karmel, Mr John Phillimore, Mr James Longmore, Mr Harry Greenway, MP, Miss Judy Hutchinson, Mrs Cedric Holland, Mr John Holland, Mr and Mrs Gordon Goodrich, Mr Alaric Russell, Mrs Henry Seymour, Mr and Mrs Jim Rose, Mrs J. Clutterbuck, Mr Duncan Stirling, Colonel and Mrs T. A. Hall, Mr H. J. Joel, Mr Mervyn Osmond, Mr and Mrs Miles De Zoete, the Prime Warden and Clerk of the Fishmongers' Company, Dr David Morris.

Mr and Mrs Simon Beamish, Mrs John Wharton, Mr and Mrs Tom Colville, Mr David Peake, Mrs R. C. Petre, Mr J. Wiggin, MP, Mrs Hugh Norman, Mr and Mrs Charles Baker (Housing Centre Trust), Mrs Robin Gosling, Mrs W. J. Healing, Mrs E. Norman-Butler, Mr Charles Arkwright, Colonel N. F. Grove-White, Mr and Mrs Angus Mackinnon, Miss J. Wykeham-Musgrave, Miss A. Kerr Wilson, Miss Emma Williams, Captain Kenneth Watt, Miss Carolyn Goodrich, Miss Lucy Gosling, Mrs Mark Richard Norman, Mr Christopher Malim, Miss Judith Chell, Miss Lucia Allfrey, Mr O. M. P. Kenyon-Slaney, Mrs J. Astley, Mrs Julian de Hann, Mr Jeremy Green (representing South Worcester Conservative Association) and Mrs Green, Miss Virginia Cruickshank, Mrs M. Wentworth-Stanley and Mrs J. Pemberton.

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From The Times of Thursday, April 5, 1956

Steelworks for India

It became clear in February that after prolonged negotiations a group of British firms were to build one of India's new steelworks. Now it is announced that the contract has been concluded though detailed tenders are still to be submitted. The total cost appears to be fixed at £80m and presumably delivery dates are agreed. The major difficulty which caused the final delay before February was to find acceptable terms of credit. It was announced then that the British Government would lend £15m to the Indian Government and the consortium of manufacturing firms would raise £11,500,000 through a group of banks. But rates of interest were not mentioned. The Russians who are also building a steelworks for India are to be paid in 12 annual instalments, interest being charged at 2½ per cent. An answer in the House of Commons has made it clear that Britain is not competing with this

Latest wills

Mr Alvar Lidell leaves £17,448

Mr Tord Alvar Quan Lidell, of Northwood, London, the BBC news reader and announcer, left estate valued at £17,448 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Allfrey, Mr Arthur Moubray St Crispin, of Sunningdale, Berkshire £297,531

Burton, Mr Ronald Rothbury, of Warsash, Hampshire .. £406,481

Ellis, Mr Frank Vivian, of Wonersh, Surrey .. £129,949

Service appointments

Latest appointments include:

General Sir John Stanier, Colonel The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys), to be ADC General to the Queen from Monday.

Lieutenant-General Sir Roland Guy to be Colonel Commandant Small Arms School Corps.

Major-General Timothy Streatfeild, Colonel Commandant Royal Regiment of Artillery, appointed Colonel Commandant Royal Horse Artillery.

Brigadier Brian Livesey to be Honorary Surgeon to the Queen.

University news



Dr Thomas Johnston, aged 54, chairman of the Manpower Services Commission for Scotland until last year and former professor of economics at Heriot-Watt University, has been appointed principal and vice-chancellor of the university from October, 1981. He replaces Professor George Burnett who died last September.

OBITUARY

SIR ALEXANDER DOWNER

A forthright Australian High Commissioner



Sir Alexander Downer, KBE, whose death is announced, was a former Australian Minister for Immigration and Australian High Commissioner in the United Kingdom from 1964 to 1972. He was 70.

He was a remarkably popular and successful High Commissioner—the length of his stay in London (this original appointment was for five years which was subsequently extended) is some measure of the esteem in which he was held in both Canberra and London. At the risk of seeming partial it is probably true to say that his time at Oxford did nothing to diminish his natural attachment to Britain and things British. It would, however, be quite untrue to consider Downer as merely an amiable and popular man; he was a good Australian, unafraid to speak out on issues on which he felt strongly; this was made plain at the time of the Common Market negotiations when he urged that Britain should not abdicate her position in Australasia. The effect on trade between the two countries was obviously something which exercised both him and his government, but Downer was thinking in wider terms when he warned that Britain "will count for less and less in proportion to her retreat from global responsibilities".

Although he was originally a politician and a member of the Menzies Government, Downer was well liked by many members of the Australian Labour Party and one of his closest Canberra friends was Labour firebrand Eddie Ward who was even known to stay at Downer's home in Adelaide.

If there is such a thing as the Australian Establishment, Downer was a member of it. He was from a wealthy, established Adelaide family and to some, because of his rounded accent and conservative life-style, was seen to be similar to a figure from the nineteenth century English gentry. But he was a man of wide culture, an internationalist, a man with tremendous warmth and a common touch probably developed by the comradeship of years spent in a prisoner-of-war camp.

His public image was that of an extremely proper person yet he often spoke out strongly against censorship and openly admired the frank attitude towards sex shown by the young people of the 1960s and 1970s.

"My views have always been a mixture of the conservative and the radical", he said once. "Don't forget that I was one of the authors of one of the most radical reports ever made to the Australian Parliament, the report of the Constitutional Committee which we presented in 1959 and which has been pigeon-holed ever since."

His father had been one of the fathers of the Australian Constitution, yet the son did not shrink from seeking to modernize it. As Minister for Immigration he coped successfully with many potentially explosive issues during a particularly sensitive time. When he took up his duties as High Commissioner in London, he and his wife bought a splendid early Georgian mansion in Wiltshire. But when he r[e]... he returned to his ... for South Australia.

Alexander Russell Dow[ner] was born on April 7, 191[0], son of Sir John Dow[ner], KCMG, KC, MP, of Adela[ide], who was twice Premier of S[outh] Australia.

Alexander Downer was e[du]cated at Geelong Gam[mar] School, Victoria, and at Br[ase]nose College, Oxford. [H]e [was] called to the Bar by th[e] In[ner] Temple, London, in 19[3]4, [and] admitted to South Austra[lian] Bar in 1935.

In the Second Wo[r]ld [War] he served as gunner in the [8th] Division, 2nd Australian [Im]perial Force. He was a prisc[oner] of war in Changi camp, Si[nga]pore, for 3½ years until 1[945].

He was elected to the Ho[use] of Representatives fo[r] An[gas], South Australia, in 1949, 1[951], 1954 (unopposed) 1955, 1[958], 1961 and 1963. He was Mi[nis]ter for Immigration from 1[958] to 1963.

He was a member o[f] the [Par]liamentary Delegation to [the] Coronation of the Queen [in] 1953, and more than o[nce] visited Britain and Europe [to] discuss immigration.

In Australia he was at vari[ous] times during the 1950s a m[em]ber of the Library Commit[tee], of the Joint Parliamentary C[om]mittee on Foreign Affairs, [of] the Select Committee to inq[uire] into and report on the Hans[ard] of the House of Represe[nta]tives, of the joint Committee [on] Constitutional Review, and [of] the Parliamentary Privile[ges] Committee.

After the 1963 Federal E[lec]tions which resulted in a cl[ear] cut victory for the Gove[rn]ment, the Prime Minister, [Sir] Robert Menzies, reconstruc[ted] his Ministry. In Decem[ber] 1963, he announced that [Sir] Alexander (then Mr Down[er]) had been appointed to succ[eed] Sir Eric Harrison as Austral[ian] High Commissioner in Lond[on]. Downer took up his new du[ties] in October, 1964.

He was made a Freeman [of] the City of London in 1965 a[nd] elected Fellow of the Ro[yal] Society of Arts in 1968. He [was] an honorary LLD of Birmi[ng]ham University. In 1965 he [was] made KBE.

He practised as a barris[ter] for a year, and in Austr[alia] spent most of his time [was] taken up by his Parliament[ary] duties as a grazier.

He married in 1947 Ma[ry], daughter of Sir James Gos[se] of Adelaide. They had a son a[nd] three daughters.

GROUP CAPTAIN M. SLEIGHT

Group Captain Malcolm Sleight, consultant urologist to the Royal Air Force, died suddenly at work at Princess Mary's RAF Hospital Halton on March 27. He was born on July 7, 1932, and was educated at Leeds Grammar School, Caius College, Cambridge, and St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, where he graduated in 1956. After completing his hospital training posts he entered the Royal Air Force Medical Branch and soon proved to be an outstanding prospective surgeon becoming a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1962 and Master of Surgery in 1966.

Initially a general surgeon, he worked in service hospitals in many parts of the world including West Germany, Cyprus, and Malta. In 1970 he went with a medical team to Salalah at the request of the present Sultan of Oman to help treat the local population during the emergency of that year. After such a wide experience of general surgery he became increasingly interested in urological surgery and was seconded for a year to the Institute of Urology in London in 19[..]. There he found interests and colleagues that determined the rest of his career. [He] began a research study, th[at] continued to his death, of sur[gi]cal techniques which wou[ld] best preserve renal functi[on] after operations upon the k[id]ney. The results were pu[b]lished in a number of scienti[fic] papers. He was made consu[lt]ant in urology to the RAF [in] 1979 and worked in the hospi[tal] at Halton in close collaborati[on] with the Renal Unit there. [He] was appointed OBE in 1980 a[nd] in the same year became Ca[...] Professor of Surgery, a task i[n]volving the guidance and po[st]graduate education of youn[g] surgeons in the RAF. His oth[er] interests included a deep pe[r]sonal involvement with h[is] local parish church and co[m]munity. He leaves a wido[w], Ann, and four children.

MR RAYMOND KERSHAW

Mr Raymond Newton Kershaw, CMG, MC, who died on March 28 at the age of 82, served with distinction in France in the First World War with the Australian Imperial Forces and won a Military Cross. He was a Rhodes Scholar for New South Wales in 1918. He was a member of the League of Nations Secretariat at Geneva from 1924 to 1929. Adviser, Bank of England 1929-35 and Adviser to the Governors of the Bank of England 1935-53.

He had been a member [of] the Currency Boards of E[ast] a[nd] W Africa, Palestine and Burm[a] and adviser to the Commo[n]wealth Development Finan[ce] Company. He was a Londo[n] director of the Commerci[al] Banking Company of Sydne[y] and of the Bank of New Ze[a]land and had been chairman [of] the London boards of bo[th] banks.

He married in 1925 Hild[a] Mary, daughter of W. J. Rueg[g]. They had two sons and [a] daughter.

PROFESSOR E. MADGWICK

Professor Edwin Madgwick, FInstP, died on March 24 at the age of 87.

Madgwick was a Senior Pemberton Scholar, college Fellow and Earl Grey Memorial Fellow at Armstrong College, Durham University, and is remembered as one of the most brilliant of Lord Rutherford's students at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. He served as physicist at the Building Research Station (now Building Research Establishment), 1925-27, before taking the appointment of Professor of Physics at Raffles College, Singapore, which he held until 1935.

The method he defined for the measurement of permeability of solids is still in standard use today.

He is survived by two sons and a daughter.

DAI FRANCIS

Lady Anglesey writes:
Dai Francis was a much love[d] and much valued member o[f] the Welsh Arts Council and o[f] the Welsh National Oper[a] Board. Some weeks ago h[e] attended my last meeting a[s] chairman of the Welsh Art[s] Council. At the finish he too[k] me quietly aside, pulled out a small plastic box from hi[s] pocket and said: "Now, girl— here's a little present from me to you." It was a silver brooch on which hung a miner's lamp. "Let's face it, m'dear," he said "you and me are poles apart; but we share one thing in common—we both believe man cannot live by bread alone." I and my colleagues will miss him.

The Hon. Lady Schuster, wife of Sir George Schuster, KCSI, KCMG, CBE, MC, died on April 3 at the age of 93.

Science report

Biology: A nose for survival

There is more to the camel's nose than meets the eye. Its ability to absorb as much as 68 per cent of the water normally lost through breathing makes it a vital organ in helping camels to survive for long periods without water. That is the finding of three scientists who have recently studied camels which were deprived of water for 16 days in the desert near the Dead Sea.

Professor K. Schmidt-Nielsen, of Duke University, North Carolina, United States, Dr R. C. Schroter, of Imperial College, London, and Dr A. Shkolniks, of Tel Aviv University, Israel, were trying to find out precisely what mechanisms the camel employs to conserve water. Well known mechanisms, such as excreting little urine and allowing its body temperature to vary by several degrees, did not seem fully to account for the water conserving ability of two camels they had previously studied.

The scientists had noticed something unusual about those camels: as they became progressively more dehydrated, the air they breathed out became drier. Using that as a clue, Professor Schmidt-Nielsen and his colleagues decided to measure the oxygen intake, body temperatures and water content of the air breathed out by two camels as they became dehydrated over a 16-day period. They found that the camel's breathing habits seemed to depend on the time of day and on the water content of the camels themselves.

During the day, the camels sweated and breathed out damp air, saturated with water at their body temperatures. That helped to keep them cool. But at night they breathed out cooler air, which can hold less water, apparently cooling the air in their noses (perhaps by restricting the blood supply to the nose) and condensing the excess water out of it. But even that was not enough to explain what happened after 10 days: the camels began breathing out even drier air at night, containing less water than the air should theoretically contain if the camel was still using only the condensation technique.

That was even more surprising because all mammals normally breathe out water-saturated air, that is, air that contains the maximum amount of water at a given temperature. The fact that dehydrated camels can breathe out air that is not saturated suggests that something is removing water as they exhale.

The answer, the scientists discovered, lies with a hygroscopic —water-absorbent—mucus which the camel produces in its nose when very dehydrated. The mucus dries out the air as it passes from the lungs to the outside. The water the mucus has absorbed is then released to the very dry external air when the camel next breathes in. The mucus effectively traps moisture which the camel can use in breathing and minimizes total water loss.

The scientists realized the importance of the hygroscopic mucus when they looked closely at the structure of the camel's nose. They also found that, because of its complex scroll-like internal structure, the camel's nose has a particularly large surface area for drying out saturated air. The camel's nasal surfaces cover an area of about 1,000 square centimetres, compared with 12 square centimetres in humans, making the camel's nose a particularly sensitive instrument when it comes to trapping water.

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Services tomorrow: Fifth Sunday in Lent

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Benedicite: Sumsion in B flat, Jubilate: Chant, Canon Pilkington. HC, 11.30 Byrd à 4. Introit: O saviour of the world (Goss). E, 3.15, Mag and Nunc dimittis 1: Howells (The Gloucester Service) A: O Lord, in thy wrath (Gibbons) Rev N. Boundy.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30, The Lamentation (Bairstow), Canon Knapp-Fisher, Tristis est anima mea: di Lasso. HC, 11.40. E, 3 Howells: The Westminster Service. Rt Rev M. Hodson. Blessed Jesu: Dvorak. Organ recital, 6.5. E, 6.30.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC, 9, Cathedral Eucharist, 11, Ireland in C. A: Call to remembrance (Farrant) In ieiunio et fletu (Tallis). The Provost. Cathedral Evensong, 3.30, Sumsion in G. A: O Lord in thy wrath (Gibbons). Rev G. McPhate.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: HC, 8.30; 11.15, Wood: in the Phrygian Mode. Prebendary D. M. Lynch.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): Sung Eucharist, 11.15 (Stanford in C.) Canon Young.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, Parish Communion, 11, Christe Adoramus Te (Monteverdi). Chaplain of the College.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: M, 11, Rev J. S. Westmuckett. HC, noon.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL (public welcomed): HC, 8.30.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL (public invited, entry via Lincoln's Inn gateway) M, 11.30, Adoremus te Christe (Lassus), Canon Tydeman.

HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC, 9.15, M, 11, TD, John Farrant, A: Vinea Mea electa (Poulenc), Rev P. Blewett.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15 followed by HC Motet: Super Flumina Babylonis (Palestrina). The Master.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; Sung Eucharist 11, Jackson in G. Motet: Ave Verum Corpus (Elgar). E, 3.30, Pelham Humfrey. A: A Litany (Walton).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist 11. Mr B. Brook-Partridge.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 5.15, HM, 11. Rev. J. W. Holden. Mass à 4 voci (1641), Monteverdi, Solemn Evensong 6. Music and Readings for Passiontide.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11. Rev Dr. A. W. Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton: HC, 8. Family Services, 9.45. Sung HC, 11. Rev. S. Millar. E, 6.30. Rev J. T. C. B. Collins.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: SM, 9.30; HM, 11. Mr H. Holwell. Missa brevis (Palestrina), Salvator mundi (Tallis); LM, 5.30.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: HC, 8.30. HC, 10.30. Dr J. Gurney Smith.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9; M, 11

ST BRIDE'S, FLEET STREET: HC, 8.30: Choral Matins and Eucharist, Prebendary Dewi Morgan. Choral Evensong, 6.30, Rev Wallace Boulton.

ST GEORGE'S, HANOVER SQUARE: HC, 8.15: Sung Eucharist, 11. Missa sine Nomine (Hassler); A: Crucifixus (Lotti). The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, PICCADILLY: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11; EP, 6.

ST MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER: HC, 8.15: Choral Matins and Sermon, 11. Rev R. Parker. HC, 12.15.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion, 9.45. The Vicar: Morning Service, 11.15, Rev C. Hedley: Choral Evensong, 4.15: E, 6.30, The Vicar.

ST MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON: HC, 8 and 12.30: Sung Eucharist, 9.30: M, 11.15: E, 6.30.

ST MARY'S, BOURNE STREET: LM, 8, 9.45, 7: HM, 11. Canon Mascall. Communion Service in the phrygian mode—Wood. O Saviour of the World (Goss). Is it nothing to you? (Ouseley): E and SB, 6.15.

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8 and 11, Rev D. Pelt, Missa en l'ombre d'ung buissonet (Brumel); Vexilla regis prodeunt (Bruckner), 6.30, Rev C.-K. Hamel Cooke.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: 11, Canon Sutton; 6.30, Rev A. Kirk.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8; MP, 11; EP, 6.30. Rev O. R. Clarke.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM, 8, 9; HM, 11. Messe Basse (Gabriel Fauré). Prebendary Herbert Moore: Stations of the Cross and B6.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11. Canon ffrench-Beytagh.

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland), Pont Street: 11. Rev W. A. Cairns.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell Street, Covent Garden: 11.15, Rev M. J. Rigney; HC, 12.20, 6.30, Rev M. J. Rigney.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 9; 10.30 (Sung) Absterge Domine (Tallis) Ave verum corpus (Victoria).

THE ORATORY, SW7: M7, 8, 9, 10, 11 (Sung Latin) Small Devotion Mass, Taverner) 12.30, 4.30, 7. Vespers 3.30.

ST ANSELM AND CECILIA, Kingsway: SM, 11. Missa O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria) O Vos Omnes (Victoria).

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM, 6 pm, Missa a Tre (Rubbra) O Bone Jesu (Ingegneri).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, St John's Wood, SM (Latin) 10.45.

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11 (Sung Latin Mass) 12, 4.15, 6.15.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: 11 and 6.30, Rev D. Cornick.

ST JOHN'S WOOD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (Presbyterian/Congregationalist), Lord's Roundabout, NW8: 11, Rev J. Miller.

CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER: 11, Rev Leslie J. Griffiths, 6.30, Central Hall Choir, Stainer's Crucifixion.

KINGSWAY HALL (West London Mission): 11 and 6.30.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct, EC: 11, Rev Dr Brian Johanson, 6.30, Rev R. Doley.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Dr. R. T. Kendall.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road: Rev Dr R. C. Gibbins.



Racing

Crowning moment for Royal Exile

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent.

There are 40 runners for this year's Grand National which is being sponsored by *The Sun* newspaper at Liverpool again today. So and So was the only four-day acceptor to drop out yesterday. The overall quality of the field is such that it would not arouse much interest anywhere else. The fact that it is the Grand National and that they are the famous Aintree fences that have to be jumped is what will have such a mesmerising effect at around 3.20 this afternoon.

With its great history stretching back to 1837, a history full of every whiff of good luck and misfortune, the Grand National remains a law unto itself. No matter the quality of the runners it is a race that will continue to captivate and fascinate the world over. On this occasion the cup of happiness will overflow if either Spartan Missile or Aldaniti win. And for quite different reasons.

Spartan Missile will be ridden by his owner, breeder and trainer John Thorne. Mr Thorne's association with Spartan Missile captured the public's imagination long ago. Together they have fought many a brave battle and it is easy to understand why at the age of 54 Mr Thorne has allowed himself one last fling, even though his horse will have to carry a considerable amount of overweight.

A triumph for them both would be a fairytale come true, yet not more so than the sight of Bob Champion winning on Aldaniti. A year ago those in the know would have scoffed at the suggestion that the two would be united today. At the time Champion was undergoing treatment for cancer and Aldaniti needed treatment on his leg that had broken down a few months earlier.

My worry is that both Spartan Missile and Aldaniti are too good at jumping for their own good. Beecher's Brook, so nearly brought about Spartan Missile's downfall in the Foxhunters' Steeplechase three years ago and I find it hard to ignore the fact that he was caught out by the drop on landing at Haydock Park at the beginning of March.

Josh Gifford, who trains Aldaniti admits to having grave misgivings about the first three fences. If Aldaniti negotiates them safely he certainly has the ability to make his presence felt with only 10st 13lb against this opposition. Against that it must be said that he has a history of unsoundness and his legs could go at any second.

Now that the ground has dried Royal Stuart should be in his element. He finished fourth in the race last year and having seen him go so well in a gallop around Newbury racecourse a week ago I can testify to his well being.

Yet I am loath to desert Royal Exile who has been on my short list ever since he ran so well at Ascot in January. He finished second that day and afterwards his trainer, Fred Winter, remarked to me: "You could do worse than have a bit each way on him for the National."

Coming from a man who not only won the race twice when he was a jockey, but who has already trained the winner twice during his second career that comment should not be taken lightly. A recent conversation with Winter left me in no doubt that he would dearly love to come out of retirement to ride Royal Exile today.

Winter's horse is my selection. The man lucky enough in his opinion to be in the hot seat is Ben de Haan, who has got to know him so well since his arrival from France 18 months ago.

When he was in training in France Royal Exile jumped successfully around Auteuil several times and Winter is adamant that any horse who can do that can negotiate Aintree. Since he has been in training in this country Royal Exile has won five of his 10 races. Royal Exile may lack the physique of Spartan Missile and the flamboyance of Aldaniti, but he is a good, economic jumper and that compensates for his lack of inches.

Royal Mail, the top weight, won the Whitbread Gold Cup last spring. Like his stable companion, Royal Stuart, he will also be more effective now that the ground has dried so noticeably. Yet with 11st 7lb to carry, his looks a stiff task. In any case I am inclined to query his jumping. He tends to get a bit flat and that will never do at Aintree.

Apart from Royal Stuart, Rubstick, Zongalero, Sebastian V, Drumroan and Coolishall are the only members of today's field who have completed the course in the National.

When Rubstic won in 1979 he beat Zongalero by a length and a half. Rubstic looked as slow as a hearse the last time I saw him in action, but he is a reliable jumper even though he fell 12 months ago and he at least looks a good bet to get around. Furthermore he is another who will relish the drier conditions.

So too will Zongalero, who lost his form completely earlier this season. His connexions are banking on a spell of hunting having put new heart into him. Sebastian V, Drumroan and Coolishall finished second, third and fourth respectively behind Lucius in 1978. Of the three I prefer Sebastian's chance now. He has won a Scottish National in his time.

Bill Smith, who landed a double on Thursday has come in for an unexpected ride on Coolishall at the 11th hour. Coolishall was to have been ridden by his owner Broderick Munro-Wilson, but he broke two ribs and dislocated a shoulder in a fall on Thursday.

A gallop on the sands at Southport this morning will determine whether Artistic Prince is fit after bruising a foot earlier in the week. Drumroan and Coolishall have run in the race every year since they were placed but each time misfortune has overtaken them.

Seven of the field are trained in Ireland, but yesterday our Irish Correspondent told me that he could not get excited about any of their chances—with the possible exception of Kylogue Lady, who might have a squeak of a chance



Stretched to the limit: National runners leap into the great unknown.

Horse-by-horse guide to big race field

Aldaniti: A sound jumper who finished runner-up in the 1979 Scottish Grand National. Would crown a marvellous comeback season for his jockey, Bob Champion, who has fought his way back from serious illness.

Another Captain: A first runner for the Northumberland trainer, Andy Scott. Loves extreme distances and soft ground.

Another Prospect: One of three John Edwards runners. Trapped a nerve when pulled up at Cheltenham. Stays well.

Artistic Prince: Owned by Robert Stigwood, an impresario. Is recovering from a hoof injury sustained on Wednesday, but is virtually certain to run.

Barney Maclyvie: Has been trained on both sides of the Irish Sea in recent seasons. Has little to recommend him.

Bryan Boru: John Carden, a solicitor, who rides this horse, has failed badly in his previous attempts to win the race and on paper has little chance of improving his record.

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Carrow Boy: A fine jumper, who won at Aintree last year and has the assistance of a top Irish jockey, Gerry Newman.

Casamayor: Little form to recommend him, but is owned by Raymond Guest, who won with L'Escargot in 1975.

Cheers: Peter Scudamore, chasing John Francome in the National Hunt riders title race, is the best recommendation for this recent Wolverhampton winner.

Choral Festival: Mark Low, a young amateur, teams up with this family pet who has won at Wolverhampton and Worcester this season.

Chumson: Recently bought for 5,000 guineas by a syndicate headed by his rider, Aidan O'Connell, he has useful staying form.

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Coolishall: Bill Smith takes over from his regular jockey and owner, Broderick Munro-Wilson, injured on Thursday. Has run well here in the past and is one of the better bets to get round.

Deiopea: It is a long time since this 10-year-old showed any form to raise the hopes of her brave rider, Mrs Linda Sheedy.

Delmoss: Pulled up in five out of six runs this season. It needs some imagination to visualize him succeeding.

Dromore: Peter Duggan, his amateur rider, is an oil rig worker who keeps on trying, but is saddled with a horse nowhere near good enough.

Drumroan: The galloping grandmother, Peggy St John Nolan saddled him to finish third to Lucius in 1978, but he has since lost his spark.

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Kilkilwell: Finished a long way behind Aldaniti at Ascot, but his trainer, Mick O'Toole, has landed many big race gambles over the years.

Kininvie: Old stager from the West Country, who would have to benefit from a Foinavon-like tragedy to win.

Kylogue Lady: Only unplaced once this season, this mare probably represents the best chance for the Irish.

Lord Gulliver: "If a horse has half a chance, run it", is the motto of Jenny Pitman, the trainer, but this one is likely to find his inexperience against him.

Martinstown: Trained by a pub landlady and part-time anaesthetist, Mrs Mita Easton and ridden by one of her barmen. The partnership has already landed one big trophy this season.

Might Be: An average jumper around the smaller courses, but the Liverpool fences could be beyond him.

My Friendly Cousin: Another whose best days are behind him.

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No Gypsy: Won four successive races earlier this season, likes fast ground.

Pacify: Has done little this season to inspire confidence, and is not the safest of jumpers.

Rathlek: Safely negotiated nearly all the fences last year, but cried enough in the closing stages.

Royal Exile: No one knows better than Fred Winter what it takes to win at Aintree. He rode two winners and has trained two more.

Royal Mail: Always runs best in the spring, and won the valuable Whitbread Gold Cup last year.

Royal Stuart: Last of the four finishers in the race in 1980, when the heavy ground was against him. Failed a dope test after winning at Windsor.

Rubstic: Won in 1979 and was going well when an uncharacteristic blunder at the Chair fence sealed his fate last year.

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Sebastian V: Beat all except Lucius in 1978 after giving one of the finest jumping exhibitions seen at Liverpool. The last 12-year-old to win was Sergeant Murphy (1923).

Senator MacLacury: Well fancied Irish challenger who won his trial at Punchestown.

So: Favourite for the race two years ago when trained in Ireland, but recent efforts suggest he is a light of other days.

Son And Heir: Showed signs of a return to form recently, but, even so, does not look good enough.

Spartan Missile: Our top hunter-chaser. Ran a fine race to finish fourth in Cheltenham Gold Cup. Loves Aintree and victory would make months of waiting doubly worthwhile for his owner-trainer-rider, John Thorne, aged 54.

Tenecoon: No form worth talking about this season, but ran well at Liverpool last year.

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The Vintner: Take away the fences and this one would definitely be there at the end of the four and a half miles. Jumping is his problem.

Three of Diamonds: Little form, but Martin Pipe and his jockey, Paul Leach supplied the surprise of the meeting at Cheltenham when Baron Blakeney won the Triumph Hurdle at 66-1.

Three To One: This Scottish hope was travelling really well in third place when falling in the closing stages last year.

Zongalero: Chased home Rubstic in 1979, but found the mud right against him the following year. Has been given careful preparation again by his young trainer, Nick Henderson.

Runners and riders for today's Grand National

301	1-30002	ROYAL MAIL (J. Begg), S. Mellor, 11-11-7 (Light blue, purple spots, armlets and cap)	P. Blacker
302	p12000	CARROW BOY (W. Durkan), Durkan, 9-11-6 (Blue, white armlets, pink cap)	G. Newman
303	1-d1f14	SPARTAN MISSILE (C) (M. Thorne), Thorne, 9-11-2 (Bille green, silver striped sleeves, quartered cap)	Mr M. Thorne
304	3121/p-1	ALDANITI (S. Embiricos), J. Gifford, 11-10-13 (White, royal blue sash, armlets and cap)	R. Champion
305	0-33146	CHUMSON (J. Bourne), F. Winter, 10-10-12 (Red, white Cross of Lorraine, and cap, hooped sleeves)	Mr A. O'Connell
306	30r-3pp	ZONGALERO (D. Montagu), N. Henderson, 11-10-11 (Scarlet, white sash, black and white hooped cap)	S. Smith Eccles
307	021000	BARNEY MACLYVIE (M. Malone), J. Dreaper, 10-10-8 (Black, primrose spots and sleeves, black cuffs, black cap primrose stripe)	M. Lynch
308	10u23p	THE VINTER (Westwood Garages Ltd), M. Naughton, 10-10-8 (Royal blue, white star, red cap)	C. Grant
309	021410	MARTINSTOWN (Mrs M. Easton), Mrs Easton 9-10-7 (Navy blue, red and white hoop, armlets and quartered cap)	Mr M. Balters
310	004310	RUBSTIC (CD) (J. Douglas), S. Leadbetter, 12-10-7 (Light blue, light green Cross of Lorraine, white cap)	M. Barnes
311	0lp-400	CASAMAYOR (R. Guest), P. Bailey, 11-10-6 (Chocolate, blue hoops and cap)	Mr P. Webber
312	p04320	KILKILWELL (P. Hamilford), M. O'Toole, 9-10-6 (Emerald green, royal blue chevron, royal blue cap)	N. Madden
313	000020	SO (R. de Vere Hunt), M. Oliver, 12-10-6 (Maroon, orange sash, emerald green cap)	J. Francome
315	1-44p3p	ANOTHER PROSPECT (H. Thursfield), J. Edwards, 9-10-3 (Pink and mauve diamonds, light green sleeves and cap with pink star)	Mr A. J. Wilson
316	0404d2	ROYAL STUART (J. Begg), S. Mellor, 10-10-2 (Light blue, purple spots and armlets, white cap)	H. Davies
317	320300	ARTISTIC PRINCE (R. Stigwood), Mrs J. Pitman, 10-10-1 (Brown, orange striped sleeves, orange cap)	B. Smart
318	p0pppp	DELMOSS (Mrs F. Versels), Mrs J. Moore, 11-10-1 (Yellow, black stripes and armlets)	F. Berry
319	p/20120	SEBASTIAN V (R. Jeffreys), C. Bell, 13-10-1 (Saxe blue, canary sleeves, silver cap, blue spots)	R. Lamb
320	10-0003	DRUMROAN (H. Lutz), Mrs StJohn Nolan, 13-10-0 (Emerald green, red spots, green sleeves, black cap)	Mr M. Graffe
321	002322	KYLOGUE LADY (D. English), A. Redmond, 9-10-0 (Navy with yellow sash, yellow sleeves and cap with navy diamond)	T. Quinn
322	1-02341	ROYAL EXILE (W. Rigg), F. Winter, 12-10-0 (Red, dark green cross-belts and white armlets)	B. de Haan
323	423331	CHEERS (J. Evans), J. Edwards, 9-10-0 (Pink, black spots and sleeves, hooped cap)	P. Scudamore
324	0-p4201	COOLISHALL (B. Munro-Wilson), Munro-Wilson, 12-10-0 (Chocolate, yellow spots, chocolate cap)	W. Smith
325	13-0134	LORD GULLIVER (P. Callender), Mrs J. Pitman, 8-10-0 (Black, gold sash, hooped sleeves, quartered cap)	C. Brown
326	020020	MIGHT BE (R. Knott), J. Webber 10-10-0 (Black and white halved, red and white halved sleeves, white cap red spots)	A. Webber
327	fp1uu0	BRYAN BORU (J. Carden), R. Hollinshead, 10-10-0 (Dark blue, grey 'V', red cap)	Mr J. Carden
328	u21-f34	PACIFY (D) (C. Glyn), S. Mellor, 11-10-0 (Green and white hoops, white sleeves)	S. Jobar
329	102201	SENATOR MACLACURY (F. Cullen), J. Walsh, 7-10-0 (Purple, gold cap, purple star)	J. Harty
330	f01b14	ANOTHER CAPTAIN (A. Scott), Scott, 9-10-0 (Red, black hooped sleeves, red and gold hooped cap)	C. Hawkins
331	000020	TENECOON (F. A. Smith), Smith, 12-10-0 (Emerald green, orange star and cap, white sleeves)	C. Mann
332	pp-42u0	MY FRIENDLY COUSIN (R. Scott), K. Morgan, 11-10-0 (Maroon and white quartered, maroon collar, white sleeves, check cap)	A. Brown
333	2f-0042	THREE TO ONE (J. Manners), K. Oliver, 10-10-0 (White, light blue braces, black cap)	Mr T. Dun
334	300030	SON AND HEIR (R. Scandrett), J. Edwards, 11-10-0 (Red, white chevron, royal blue cap)	S. Morshead
335	00-0000	DROMORE (P. Duggan), Mrs P. Duggan, 13-10-0 (White, brown cross-belts)	Mr P. Duggan
336	132100	CHORAL FESTIVAL (M. Low), Low, 10-10-0 (Red, yellow 'V' and cap)	Mr M. Low
337	112330	NO GYPSY (E. Treacy), J. Bridger, 12-10-0 (Green and yellow halved, sleeves reversed, hooped cap)	J. Suthern
338	103003	RATHLEK (D. Greig), Greig, 11-10-0 (Red, gold sleeves, gold cap, green spots)	P. Barton
339	30-01u0	THREE OF DIAMONDS (C. Barnes), M. Pipe, 9-10-0 (Royal blue, white spots on body and sleeves)	P. Leach
340	0020uf	KININVIE (Lady Dunn), B. Forsey, 12-10-0 (Light blue, yellow hooped sleeves, black and yellow check cap)	P. Hobbs
341	100p00	DEIOPEA (W. Sheedy), Sheedy, 10-10-0 (Deep purple, lilac cross-belts and hoop on cap)	Mrs L. Sheedy

BETTING: 6-1 Spartan Missile, 8-1 Aldaniti, 9-1 Rubstic, 10-1 Royal Mail, Zongalero, 11-1 Royal Exile, 12-1 Kylogue Lady, 14-1 Royal Stuart, 16-1 The Vintner, Cheers, 18-1 Barney MacLyvie, 20-1 Artistic Prince, 22-1 Senator MacLacury, 25-1 So, Sebastian V, Three to One, 33-1 Coolishall, 40-1 Another Prospect, Martinstown, 50-1 Another Captain, Carrow Boy, Chumson, Kilkilwell, Pacify, 66-1 Casamayor, Choral Festival, Delmoss, Drumroan, Lord Gulliver, Might Be, Rathlek, 100-1 Bryan Boru, Dromore, My Friendly Cousin, No Gypsy, Son and Heir, 200-1 Kininvie, Tenecoon, Three of Diamonds, 500-1 Deiopea.

FORM: Royal Mail (11st 10lb) 2nd, beaten ... to Shulleris (10-8) ... [illegible]

Rest of Liverpool programme

[Television (BBC 1): 2.0, 2.35 and 3.20 races]

2.0 SUNRATINGS CHASE (Limited handicap: £9,325: 2m)

1	420112	Anaglogs Daughter (D) (A. Durkan), W. Durkan (Ire), 8-11-13	M. Mulligan 7
2	00-2230	Jack of Trumps (D) (J. McManus), E. O'Grady (Ire), 8-11-9	N. Madden
3	111210	Rathgorman (D) (J. Lilley), M. Dickinson, 9-11-6	T. Carmody
4	133201	Lord Greystoke (D) (E. Etherington), Jun., G. Richards, 10-11-5	N. Doughty
5	321123	Beacon Light (CD) (H. Joel), R. Turnell, 10-11-2	A. Turnell
6	431431	Friendly Alliance (D) (J. Mulhern), F. Winter, 8-10-10	J. Francome

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4.35 LUCKY JIM HURDLE (Handicap: amateurs: £4,591: 2m)

502	0-31311	Rare Times (D) (Mrs K. Clarke) ...
503	1304443	Hudson's Bay (Mrs M. Ponsonby) ...
504	0003100	Prince of Bermuda (D) (J. H...) ...
505	1-002000	Winds of Time (CD) (C. Gav...) ...
506	024-000	Jubilee Saint (D) (C. Platts) ...
507	322131	High Old Time (D) (Dickins La...) ...
508	000000	Albion Prince (CD, B) (M. P...) ...
510	112-020	Hadajar (D) (A. Morris), M. ...
511	0-20040	Rionore (W. Nuy), M. Ryan, 6-...
513	000210	Gomilas Flyer (T. O'Ryan) ...
514	312-f22	What a Mint (D) (R. Pollard) ...

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* Doubtful runner

Stockton programme

[Television (ITV): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]

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14 0000- Mary Maguire, S. Nesbitt, 4-7-7 S. Griffiths 7 7

15 2030- Miss Poinciana, M. Camacho, 4-7-7 B. Jones 2

4-5 Delta's Pride, 5-1 Pit Stop, 4-1 Lilac Star, 15-3 Miss Poinciana, 14-1 Woodrush, 20-1 Bri-Gyll.

* Doubtful runner

Stockton selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.45 Tenoria. 2.15 Kirtling. 2.45 Prince Diamond. 3.45 Irish Sparkle. 4.15 Zephyr's Pride. 4.45 Spanish Hat. 5.15 Delta's Pride.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.45 Tenoria. 2.15 Kirtling. 2.45 Bugatti. 4.45 Welsh Ballet.

Salisbury selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.30 Shangarry. 2.0 Welshwyn. 2.30 Gin Game. 3.0 Recitation. 4.0 Chumwar. 4.30 Green Memory.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.30 Golden Brigadier. 2.0 Sainera. 2.30 Tower Joy. 3.0 Blackfoot. 4.0 Chumwar. 4.30 Jo-Jo-San.

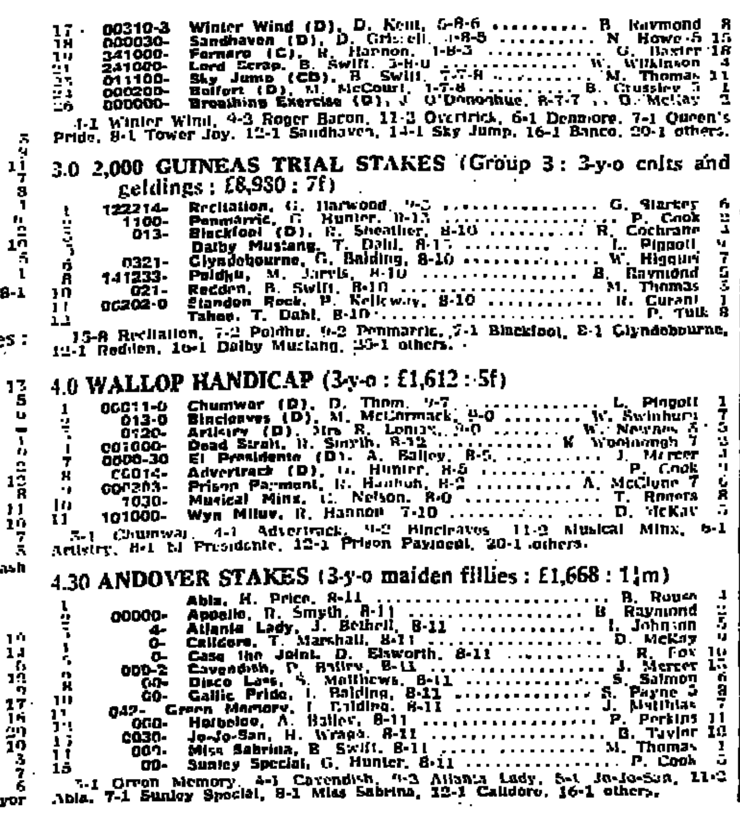
Liverpool selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.0 Anaglogs Daughter. 2.35 Pollardstown. 3.20 Royal Exile. 4.05 Ballydonagh. 4.35 High Old Time. 4.5 Hopeful Shot.

Salisbury programme

[Television (ITV): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races]

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17	00310-3	Winter Wind (D), D. Kent, 6-8-6	B. Raymond 8
18	000030-	Sandhaven (D), D. Grissell, 4-8-5	N. Howe 5 15
19	341000-	Fernaro (C), R. Hannon, 1-8-3	G. Baxter 18
21	241000-	Lord Scrap, B. Swift, 5-8-0	W. Wilkinson 4
23	011100-	Sky Jump (CD), B. Swift, 7-7-8	M. Thomas 11
24	000200-	Belfort (D), M. McCourt, 1-7-8	B. Crossley 5 1
26	000000-	Breathing Exercise (D), J. O'Donoghue, 8-7-7	D. McKay 2

4-1 Winter Wind, 4-3 Roger Bacon, 11-2 Overtrick, 6-1 Denmore, 7-1 Queen's Pride, 8-1 Tower Joy, 12-1 Sandhaven, 14-1 Sky Jump, 16-1 Banco, 20-1 others.

3.0 2,000 GUINEAS TRIAL STAKES (Group 3: 3-y-o colts and geldings: £8,930: 7f)

1	122214-	Recitation, G. Harwood, 9-5	G. Starkey 6
2	1100-	Penmarric, G. Hunter, 8-13	P. Cook 2
3	013-	Blackfoot (D), R. Sheather, 8-10	R. Cochrane 4
5		Dalby Mustang, T. Dahl, 8-10	L. Piggott 9
6	0321-	Glyndebourne, G. Balding, 8-10	W. Higgins 7
8	141233-	Poldhu, M. Jarvis, 8-10	B. Raymond 5
10	021-	Redden, B. Swift, 8-10	M. Thomas 3
11	00202-0	Standon Rock, P. Kelleway, 8-10	R. Curant 1
12		Tahoe, T. Dahl, 8-10	P. Tulk 8

15-8 Recitation, 7-2 Poldhu, 9-2 Penmarric, 7-1 Blackfoot, 8-1 Glyndebourne, 12-1 Redden, 16-1 Dalby Mustang, 33-1 others.

4.0 WALLOP HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,612: 5f)

1	00011-0	Chumwar (D), D. Thom, 9-7	L. Piggott 1
2	013-0	Bincleaves (D), M. McCormack, 9-0	W. Swinburn 7
3	0120-	Artistry (D), Mrs R. Lomax, 9-0	W. Newnes 5 3
4	001000-	Dead Straight, R. Smyth, 8-12	K. Woolnough 7 3
7	0000-30	El Presidente (D), A. Bailey, 8-5	J. Mercer 4
8	00014-	Advertrack (D), G. Hunter, 8-5	P. Cook 1
9	002203-	Prison Payment, R. Hannon, 8-2	A. McGlone 7 6
10	1030-	Musical Minx, C. Nelson, 8-0	T. Rogers 8
11	101000-	Wyn Milly, R. Hannon, 7-10	D. McKay 5

3-1 Chumwar, 4-1 Advertrack, 9-2 Bincleaves, 11-2 Musical Minx, 6-1 Artistry, 8-1 El Presidente, 12-1 Prison Payment, 20-1 others.

4.30 ANDOVER STAKES (3-y-o maiden fillies: £1,668: 1¼m)

1		Abla, H. Price, 8-11	B. Rouse 4
2	00000-	Apoelle, R. Smyth, 8-11	B. Raymond 2
3	4-	Atlanta Lady, J. Bethell, 8-11	E. Johnson 5
4	0-	Calidore, T. Marshall, 8-11	D. McKay 9
5	0-	Case the Joint, D. Elsworth, 8-11	R. Fox 16
6	000-2	Cavendish, P. Bailey, 8-11	J. Mercer 15
8	00-	Disco Lass, S. Matthews, 8-11	S. Salmon 6
10	00-	Gallic Pride, I. Balding, 8-11	S. Payne 5 8
11	042-	Green Memory, I. Balding, 8-11	J. Matthias 7
12	000-	Harbeloe, A. Bailey, 8-11	P. Perkins 11
13	0030-	Jo-Jo-San, H. Wragg, 8-11	B. Taylor 10
14	002-	Miss Sabrina, B. Swift, 8-11	M. Thomas 1
15	00-	Sunley Special, G. Hunter, 8-11	P. Cook 3

7-1 Green Memory, 4-1 Cavendish, 9-2 Atlanta Lady, 5-1 Jo-Jo-San, 11-2 Abla, 7-1 Sunley Special, 8-1 Miss Sabrina, 12-1 Calidore, 16-1 others.

Liverpool results

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3.20 (3.20) TOWN HANDICAP (£1,180: 7f)

MISS MIRABELLE, br m by Miracle—La Belle (Lord Walpole), 5-8-2 P. Young (8-1) 1

Docklands ...... B. Johnson (8-1) 2

Clywd .... L. Charnock (6-1) 3

Tote: Win, ...; places, 40p, 31p, 22p. Dual F: ... CSF: £7.44. M. Jarvis, Newmarket. 2l, 3l. O. I. Oyston (4-1 jt fav), Black Mike (4-1 jt fav) 4th. 14 ran. NR: Best Tradition.

3.55 (3.59) FAIRFIELD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-y-o: £552: 5f)

MINK COAT, gr f by Young Emperor—Clear Whistle (Miss O. Burg) 8-11 .... B. Jago (8-11) 1

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Davies keen to keep up link with Aintree

By Michael Seely

On the eve of the Grand National negotiations have started between Bill Davies, the owner of Aintree racecourse, and the Jockey Club. Ladbrokes' contract with the chairman of the Walton Group expires after the running of the 1982 National. And Mr Davies made it plain to Charles Weatherby, the secretary of the Jockey Club, at a meeting in Liverpool on Wednesday evening that he would like to stage the race in 1983.

Mr Weatherby said yesterday: "Mr Davies has acknowledged that he lacks the expertise of Ladbrokes in racecourse management. He is however interested in obtaining the services of other experts to run the business on his behalf. He is not prepared to make a public statement until he has received the approval of the Horse Race Betting Levy Board and the Jockey Club. We have an open mind at present but we do not want a total disaster. And I hope that at Wednesday's meeting will only be the first of several." Mr Davies concluded by telling Mr Weatherby that he did not want to see all the ground gained by Ladbrokes in the past few seasons lost.

Cyril Stein, the chairman of Ladbrokes made forceful statements both on television and on radio yesterday. There is little doubt that the London firm have made an outstanding success of rejuvenating of this historic fixture in the past six years. And Mr Stein would like to see Ladbrokes continuing to run Aintree indefinitely.

Mr Davies's asking price is reported to be somewhere between £5m and £7m. Mr Stein thinks this to be an unrealistic figure as the Merseyside council and the other local authorities concerned are adamant that permission to develop the site for building purposes will not be given in the foreseeable future. Ladbrokes are prepared to offer somewhere between one and one-and-a-half million pounds.

"We see the future of Aintree as that of a sports complex," Mr Stein said. "We would like to see the site made into a trust in the name of the people of Merseyside. If we succeed in getting Mr Davies to agree we would be prepared to put a million pounds into the kitty on day one. The National Sports Council, the Levy Board and the local authority would have to be involved.

"An estimated five to six million pounds would be needed to rebuild the antiquated stands. In today's recessional climate this might not be possible but recessions do not last forever. And I do not think Mr Davies will be able to find the funds necessary for the rebuilding of the stands." And so the matter rests for the time being.

Broadsword's decisive victory in the Sean Graham Hurdle proved his Cheltenham running to be all wrong as the four-year-old stormed home well clear of Kolme and Baron Blakeney, Broadsword's conquerer in the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle. "We will now go for a good race on the flat like the Yorkshire Cup," David Nicholson, the trainer, said. "If Broadsword is not up to this standard we will put him away and train him for next year's Champion Hurdle."

In the opening Monksfield Novices Hurdle Michael Dickinson's Hareshaw Linn showed an abundance of stamina and courage when outstaying Gowanloch. Dickinson said: "Hareshaw Linn might have one more race over hurdles. He will then be rested and be put to chasing next season."

Peter Easterby, Gowanloch's trainer, said that the result of Clayside's routine dope test after winning the Arkle Challenge Trophy at Cheltenham had not yet been received. Tests taken at Newcastle on February 20th on Cornering, and two of Easterby's other horses have already proved positive. "I don't know how this occurred," the champion trainer said. "I only wish I knew."

For this afternoon's National I take Spartan Missile to win from Royal Mail, Aldaniti and Rubstic. The first three have a touch of class at the weights. And now that the ground is drying up Rubstic, the hero of 1979 must also come into the reckoning.

STATE OF GOING: Liverpool: Good to soft. Salisbury: Soft. Stockton: (round course) heavy, (straight course) soft. Nottingham: Soft. Kelso: Good to soft.

Storm Bird lame and out of Curragh race

By Michael Phillips

Storm Bird will not be running in the Gladness Stakes at the Curragh today. The winter favourite for this year's 2,000 Guineas and Derby had been officially declared to run yesterday but was found to be lame in his off hind leg soon afterwards. So the main talking points in this country for Flat racing addicts will be the two classic trials at Salisbury and the Roseberry Stakes at Stockton.

As for the up to date bulletin on Storm Bird, the word yesterday from Ballydoyle, where he is trained by Vincent O'Brien, was that the injury was not thought to be serious. They were still hopeful that he would be fit in time to run either in The Minstrel Stakes at Leopardstown on Wednesday or in the Greenham Stakes at Newbury next Saturday.

When the ground is soft at Salisbury a low draw is imperative. Welshwyn and Go Leasing, who are the pick of those declared for the 1,000 Guineas trial, judged on last year's form, are both favourably drawn.

With Guy Harwood's horses in such form already, Go Leasing is bound to go well, especially as she takes no getting ready. However, Welshwyn, who was runner up to Marwell in the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket last autumn, is just preferred.

No matter how Go Leasing fares, Harwood and his stable jockey, Greville Starkey, ought to win the 2,000 Guineas Trial with Recitation, who looked a picture of health and fitness when I saw him at Pulborough last week. Recitation was among the best of of his age last year when he won the Grand Critérium, the most valuable race for two-year-olds in France.

However, his task this afternoon is not easy. He must give 7lb to Poldhu, who finished third in the Middle Park Stakes and to Tina's Pet as well. Tina's Pet won his last three races last season. Our Newmarket correspondent is of the opinion that Black Foot will also be hard to beat.

Meanwhile at Stockton the Roseberry Stakes will probably be won by Kirtling who won the Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot last June.

Football

Cooper adds last minute footnote

By Nicholas Harling

The differences that half a season and an unfamiliar setting make to a team may be no more clearly illustrated today than at the Hawthorns where Ipswich, restricted once again by injuries, resume their championship challenge against West Bromwich Albion.

Five months ago in the first encounter, when Osman, the Ipswich central defender, played in goal for most of the second half, Ipswich felt frustrated that they could only draw 0—0. Today, they would welcome such a result, more especially so if Sivell, their recognized deputy goalkeeper must this time take the place of Cooper, who is troubled again, now by a painful foot. The doubt over Cooper is the last of the Ipswich manager, Bobby Robson's concerns. He is already resigned to benig without Thijssen, who aggravated a hamstring injury on Thursday, and Beattie in addition to Burley.

"I cry every day about Burley being out for the rest of the season and Beattie's knee trouble has blown up again just when we need him most", Mr Robson said. He hopes to have Thijssen back for Wednesday's visit of Cologne in the Uefa Cup, the first of two semi-finals Ipswich face next week. Mills will move up from full back against Albion to fill the vacancy left by the Dutchman in midfield, enabling Steggles to partner McCall at full back.

For a side that recently capitalized on a curious spell of six successive home games, Ipswich have started to look surprisingly insecure on their travels. It is as well for them that Wark and Mariner are at least fit to play in a team attempting to avoid its third defeat in as many away games.

Much as Albion dread the prospect of Ipswich's main rivals and their own neighbours Aston Villa, capturing the title, a win today would enhance their own hopes of getting into Europe next season by way of the Uefa Cup if, as expected, their slim hopes of finishing first are not fulfilled. Albion have the comfort of knowing that if they impair Ipswich's chances today they can do Villa a similar disservice on Wednesday. They will have Owen back and Bennett, too, if their young central defender recovers from the knee injury that he received against Everton

Villa's team for the difficult visit to Leicester virtually picks itself now that Withe, their uncompromising striker has completed a two-match suspension. Although Geddis, who deputized scored the winner against Southampton last week, Shaw, the other Villa striker, has profited from a better understanding with Withe. The appearance of Withe gives Scott, the Leicester defender, a tough return after missing 11 games. He takes over from O'Neill.

Mention of *Wolves* focuses attention on their FA Cup semi-final round with Tottenham Hotspur next Saturday. Players of both sides are given late opportunities today of staking claims for places at Hillsborough. Villa, who has been absent for three months, is the Spurs substitute for the home match with Everton. Wolves, who visit Sunderland, may have Teasdale, an 18-year-old Scottish youth international striker, making his first appearance.

Sunderland must make at least two changes because last week's defeat at Ipswich cost them Hinnigan, who was sent off and is thus suspended, and Buckley, who fractured his jaw. Whitworth and Chisholm definitely come in and so too will Rowell, Sunderland's leading scorer, if Brown is dropped.

Unlike Buckley, the Nottingham Forest defender, Needham, has merely dislocated his jaw but that has not prevented his manager, Brian Clough from including him in the squad for the game at Southampton. Reading, the third division side, have shown pity where Mr Clough has not by deciding that their centre half Hicks would be better occupied spending the afternoon having his nose reset than playing at Exeter.

Three issues could be settled today. Crystal Palace will go down if Manchester United win at Old Trafford; West Ham may take their place if they beat Bristol Rovers and Lincoln can accompany Southend to the third division if they overcome the bottom club Hereford.



Johnston : Liverpool's £650,000 recruit.

Liverpool's future beginning to emerge

By Tom German

Liverpool 3 Stoke City 0

A sprinkling of new faces does not impair, and does not vary, the basic formula Liverpool apply. Young Rush; who won a League Cup Final medal in midweek in *only his second senior appearance*, was joined by another teenager, Whelan, a lively midfield player, in the champions' formation at Anfield last night and the club's array of walking wounded watching from the main stand were given cause to reflect on the challenge for places which lies ahead.

Whelan scored a splendid goal, Rush gave a glimpse of powerful shooting, and had to be carefully watched. With Craig Johnston, signed from Middlesbrough earlier in the day for £650,000 available for further strengthening the midfield, the shape of the future Liverpool is, perhaps, beginning to emerge.

There could have been stiffer hurdles to confront Liverpool on Grand National eve. Stoke's ready running, however, achieved enough to call for some clean catching and quick dashes by Clemence, although Stoke made few real indentations. The most promising came as Ursem squirmed neatly past two defenders early in the second half and aimed low. Clemence had to get down *quickly to turn the ball* aside. Heath once exposed Liverpool with a ball driven hard across the face of the goal, but no colleague was quick enough to get a touch.

Mostly, though, it was Liverpool calling the tune, sometimes with neat one-touch football. There was no better example of it than the move which brought the opening goal after 27 minutes. An intuitive exchange took shape at lightning pace on the halfway line as Dalglish put a pass back to Lee who *instantly* directed it forward for Whelan, operating fluidly, much in the Ray Kennedy mould. Whelan showed his heels to everyone in a sprint from just within his own half, controlled the ball well, and tucked it calmly past Fox.

Equally shrewd running by McDermott earned the second goal, seven minutes into the second half. He was on his way through the heart of Stoke's defence before they identified the danger and Neal's pass was placed accurately into McDermott's path.

The final Liverpool stroke was a masterly one. Whelan began it close to Liverpool's left corner flag, and the ball was threaded diagonally across field, without a Stoke player touching it, to a point on the right where Case's pass found McDermott, yet again darting through in full stride, who steered it in. It was a useful, and not over-demanding preparation for Liverpool's meeting with Bayern Munich next week in the first leg of the European Cup semi-final round.

LIVERPOOL: R. Clemence; P. Neal, A. Kennedy, P. Thompson, R. Whelan, A. Hansen, K. Dalglish, S. Lee, I. Rush, T. McDermott, J. Case.

STOKE CITY: P. Fox; R. Evans, I. Munro, A. Dodd, B. O'Callaghan, M. Doyle, L. Ursem, P. Bracewell, L. Chapman, A. Heath, P. Maguire.

Referee: T. Tyldesley (Cheshire).

Last night's results

First division

Liverpool (1) 3 Stoke C (0) 0
Whelan 33,308
McDermott (2)

Leading positions

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich	35	21	10	4	70	31	52
Aston Villa	35	22	7	6	60	33	51
W.B.A.	36	17	11	8	50	35	45
Liverpool	35	15	14	6	58	38	44
Nottm. For.	36	17	10	9	57	38	44
Southampton	37	18	8	11	68	50	44

Third division

Gillingham (1) 1 Walsall (0) 0
Price 4,112

Fourth division

Crewe A (0) 2 Hartlepool (0) 0
Pallos 2,419
Conroy
Stockport C (1) 1 Southend (0) 0
Bradd 2,278

Leading positions

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southend	41	27	5	9	71	28	59
Lincoln	39	21	13	5	61	23	55
Doncaster	40	19	10	11	51	44	48
Wimbledon	39	19	8	12	54	39	46
Peterboro	40	16	13	11	61	48	45
Mansfield	39	19	6	14	50	34	44
Aldershot	39	17	10	12	38	35	44

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Carshalton A 2, Walthamstow A 2.

RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Salford 20, Barrow 9; Warrington 38, Hull 3.

Cricket

England go to work on building site

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Kingston, April 3

There is every confidence here that the last two matches of the England tour—against Jamaica starting tomorrow and the fifth Test a week today—will be free from serious interference.

Both Mr Edward Seaga, the *Prime Minister*, and Mr Michael Manley, leader of the main opposition party, have come out in support of England's visit. If there is to be any trouble it might come from the Workers Party of Jamaica, although they are very small and would aim to make their protest peaceful.

Since the meeting of the ministers in Barbados decided that the tour should go ahead after the evacuation from Guyana at the end of February, there has been *no sign* of trouble. The Test matches in Barbados and Antigua and the game in Montserrat went off as though the "Jackman affair" had never happened.

Jamaica, however, is politically more volatile. It will be surprising if there is not a fracas or two, but it is not expected to go beyond that. Mr Manley's view, expressed in a recent interview with a Sunday newspaper, that the Gleneagles Agreement does not apply to a third party such as Jackman is important.

There is still, as it happens, some doubt about Jackman's fitness. He was kept out of thte last Test match by an Achilles tendon injury. Only this, though, will stop him getting a game here: there is no question of the injury being of the diplomatic variety. The other member of the party to be going rather gingerly is Stevenson, who has a slight thigh strain.

Of more immediate significance is the fact that Sabina Park, the ground in Kingston, is a building *site and still will be when the* Test match starts. After England's last visit to Jamaica in 1973-74 the local cricket authorities set out to convert it from the little cockpit it was, with few amenities to a modern concrete stadium.

When the money ran out, operations ceased for a long time, so that there is still two years' work to be done. To be staging tomorrow's match there, when the builders will be hard at work trying desperately to get the ground into some sort of shape for next Friday, seems extraordinary.

Jamaica are expected to be captained tomorrow by Lawrence Rowe, their most famous batsman since the legendary George Headley and the maker of the last triple hundred in Test cricket. Rowe, now aged 32, has had a goodish season.

If he does play—like Chris Old he misses as many matches as he plays—there could well be a call from his many supporters in Jamaica for his return to the Test side, although West Indian selectors are less impressionable in that way than they used to be.

Lancashire have asked the Test and County Cricket Board to register Neal Radford, aged 21, their South African born all-rounder, as available to play for England

Rugby Union

Scottish must not lack bite if they are to hold the Tigers

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Ron Wilson, the London Scottish captain, believes that his side will defeat the holders, Leicester, in the semi-final round of the John Player Cup at the Athletic ground this afternoon.

Moseley have made the long journey to Gosforth for the other tie, sustained by the memory of a victory there, 6—3, at the same stage of the competition two years ago and confident that they can now repeat it. Yet the odds *must surely favour* Leicester and Gosforth.

Leicester are at full strength, reinforced by the return of Peter Wheeler, Clive Woodward and Les Cusworth from the Hongkong sevens and hoping that these luminaries will not be borne down by jet lag. It is most unlikely that the Tigers will win the line-outs—they rarely do—but they have so many other options at their disposal and they have much to play for in their centenary *season*.

If they win today it will be their fourteenth consecutive victory in the Cup. That would beat the record set up by Coventry back in the early 70s. And it would take them through to the climax at Twickenham for a fourth successive year. Their last Cup defeat was at the hands of Gloucester in the last round of 1978.

The Scottish are catering for a crowd of over 8,000—a record for a John Player Cup tie outside of the final. But Leicester supporters are staying away because they cannot afford "*inflated prices*". Instead of 4,000 Leicester supporters making the 100-mile journey, there will be only 1,500. They have returned 2,200 stand seats and 600 ground tickets.

Scottish did not do themselves justice when they reached the last round in 1974, and they realise that they may have to accept all their chances, including kicks at goal, if they are to put the record straight.

The Leicester and England full-back, "Dusty" *Hare*, now *needs* only, by his unusual standards, a modest 40 points to exceed Sam Doble's total of 3,651 in a first-class career.

On the evidence of their win at Nottingham last weekend it will take a very good side to stop Gosforth winning the trophy for a third time. They are well armed at every point, fore and aft.

John Butler now returns to their side at No 8 but Bob Anderson, the flanker who was on a skiing holiday last week, cannot recapture his place from Simon Smith, nor can Steve Gustard from Neil McDowell on the left wing. There was a slight doubt yesterday about the fitness of the blind side man, Ian Richardson.

Moseley restore the hooker, Gary Cox, and the prop, Kevin Astley, in hale health to the side but the midlands club have had some injury problems elsewhere. Andy Watson Jones cannot play at centre because of a head injury and the next choice, [illegible] ard Akenhead, has a hams[illegible] *injury*. The place therefore [illegible] to Colin Osborne.

Steve King, a seasoned W[illegible] trials flanker whose back tro[illegible] are getting no better, will be[illegible] ing, and so will Rudi Smith [illegible] wing. Bob Laird is a most [illegible] petent deputy in the last posi[illegible]

LON SCOTTISH: R. Grant, A. [illegible] R. Gordon, I. Hume, G. Woo[illegible] Wilson (capt), A. Tedford, Hutcher, I. Kirk, J. Fraser, A. Mc[illegible] K. Budge, M. Biggar, R. Drum[illegible] P. Corbett.

LEICESTER: W. Hare, K. Wi[illegible] P. Dodge, C. Woodward, T. Barn[illegible] L. Cusworth, S. Kenney; R. Co[illegible] P. Wheeler (capt), S. Redfern[illegible] Joyce, N. Jackson, S. Johnso[illegible] Collington, I. Smith.

Referee: A. Welsby (Manchester)

GOSFORTH: B. Patrick; S. A[illegible] R. Breakey, A. MacMillan, McDowell; D. Johnson, M. You[illegible] White (capt), R. Cunningham, [illegible] T. Roberts, S. Bainbridge, I. Ri[illegible] son, J. Butler, S. Smith.

MOSELEY: M. Cooper (capt), Thomas, C. Osborne, J. Desbo[illegible] R. Laird, M. Perry, S. Morle[illegible] Astley, G. Cox, S. Acaster, B. [illegible] R. Field, J. Beale, D. Nutt, N[illegible] vons.

Referee: A. Fisher (Glouces[illegible])

Harlequins defend ti[illegible]

Harlequins, the holders, [illegible] been drawn against Woo[illegible] winners of the Plate compe[illegible] last year, in tomorrow's [illegible] oaks seven-a-side tournament [illegible] don Welsh, who have wo[illegible] event on 10 occasions, will [illegible] Tonbridge in the first round.

DRAW.—Richmond v Maidstone, [illegible] ropolitan Police v London New Z[illegible] London Welsh v Tonbridge, Blac[illegible] v East London, London Scottish [illegible] cun, Streatham-Croydon v Seve[illegible] Wasps v Old Emanuel, Harleq[illegible] Woodford.

Youngs to lead young England once mo[illegible]

By Peter West

Tony Swift and David Trick, who were chosen on Thursday to tour Argentina with the senior England team next month, were named yesterday in the England under-23 XV to play the Netherlands at Leicester next Saturday. But Nigel Melville, of the Wasps, who is also bound for Argentina, has not captured the scrum-half position from Bedford's Nick Youngs, now confirmed once more as captain of the young England team.

Youngs had a good game for the under-23's when they beat English Students 20—3 at Bath on Wednesday evening. Throughout the championship he has been first reserve to Steve Smith, yet found himself leap-frogged by Melville when the senior touring side was announced. There will be sympathy for Youngs, as well as approval of the selectors' choice for next Saturday's game.

There are three changes in the under-23 XV as compared with that which played at Bath. The versatile Neil McDowell (Gosforth, Cumbria and the North) replaces Rick Bodenham in the centre; Simon Henderson (in the Students' side three days ago) comes in for Steve Ashmead at tight head prop; and Mike Teague (Gloucester) holds on to the No 8 position he took over on Wednesday as a replacement for Simon Hughes

The front row of Curtis, Dixon and Henderson looks a distinctly promising one. All of them [illegible] be heard of again at a [illegible] exalted level.

Two senior England nationals, Paul Dodge and [illegible] Davies, remain qualified at [illegible] 23 level, but the selectors [illegible] chosen a combination [illegible] should be formidable enoug[illegible] the opposition.

ENGLAND: N. Stringer (W[illegible]) D. Trick (Bath), N. McDowell (Gos[illegible] forth), T. Buttimore (Coventr[illegible]) R. Swift (Swansea); P. [illegible] (Orrell), N. C. Youngs (B[illegible] capt); P. Curtis (Rosslyn Par[illegible]) Dixon (Fylde), S. Henderson ([illegible] Park), P. Stiff (Bristol), C. [illegible] (Harlequins), J. Gadd (Glou[illegible]) M. Teague (Gloucester), T. [illegible] church (Cambridge University) [illegible] placements: R. Bodenham (Black[illegible]) M. H. Perry (Moseley), S. [illegible] (Gloucester), M. Howe (Bedfor[illegible]) Ashmead (Gloucester), A. D[illegible] Bartholomew's Hospital).

Cowley and Llandovery look a class ahe[illegible]

By Steve Elliott

The first day of the third schools' rugby festival at the Preston Grasshoppers club ended with the qualification of 16 of the 32 entrants in the knockout stage, which begins today.

The presence of Ontario Juniors and a Netherlands Youth selection, provided a pleasing cosmopolitan element on a glorious day. Two teams emerged from the early stages as a class ahead of any others, Llandovery College and Cowley School, both passionate advocates of running rugby, and they should ideally meet in the final, if the draw allows.

Both are without a key player. Rees-Evans, who has played for Llanelli this season, is not available for Llandovery and injury to Cowley's speedy full back, Muldoon, has posed some problems.

Outstanding in the Llandovery pack is their tall lineout jumper, Mayberry-Woolfe, who has represented Wales at 19-group level; their stand-off half, A. Williams, is also a member of the Welsh squad. Cowley may lack the physical presence at forward to disturb Llandovery's rhythm.

West Park Grammar School also caught the eye and have one of the tournament's classiest players in their strong and fast left-wing, Metcalfe; their flanker, Moore and Atherton on the wing are not yet 15 and West Park cannot forget that Cowley were the only side to beat them convincingly this winter.

The only upset in these 15-minute each way, 15-a-side contests, might happen if a school can deprive the favourites of possession and apply pressure to induce error. The likeliest candidates for this appear to be Arnold School, Lancaster RGS, Edinburgh Academy or Merchant Taylor's.

RESULTS: Ontario 9, Bradford GS 4; West Park 26, King Edward's VII, Lytham, 0; Plymouth College 0, QEGS, Wakefield 0; King's School, Macclesfield, 3; Lancaster RGS 7; Edinburgh Academy 8, Giggleswick 6; Cardinal Allen GS 7, Arnold 9; St Benedict's, Ealing, 0, Doncaster GS 0; Sale GS 9, Duchess' School, Alnwick, 12; Netherlands 0, Leeds GS 6; De La Salle 14, Ormskirk 6; Llandovery College 31, Silcoates 0; King's Tynemouth 3, Winstanley College, Wigan, 6; Richard Hale GS 0, Hutton GS 6; Merchant Taylor's 12, Mount St [illegible] 4; QEGS, Blackburn, 0, Bl[illegible] Collegiate 12; Cowley 16, Ryda[illegible]

Edinburgh Academy 4, C[illegible] Allen GS 0; Giggleswick 0, Arno[illegible] St Benedict's Ealing, 9, Sale [illegible] Doncaster GS 6, Duchess's A[illegible] 0; Ontario 0, West Park GS 13; [illegible] ford GS 20, King Edward's L[illegible] 0, Plymouth College 0, King's [illegible] Macclesfield, 0, QEGS, Wakefi[illegible] Lancaster Rangers 6; Richard H[illegible] Merchant Taylor's 8; Hutton C[illegible] Mount St Mary 6; QEGS, Bla[illegible] 0, Cowley 26; Blackpool Co[illegible] 12, Rydal 6; Netherlands 0, Salle 7; Leeds GS 3, Ormskirk Llandovery 25, King's Tynemo[illegible] Silcoates 0, Winstanley College

Plymouth College 4, La[illegible] Rangers 17; Doncaster GS 10, S[illegible] 0; Ontario 24, King Edward's, L[illegible] 0; Edinburgh Academy 6, Arnol[illegible] Benedict's Ealing 0, Duchess's A[illegible] 8; QEGS Wakefield 11, King's, M[illegible] field 4; Bradford GS 0, West P[illegible] Giggleswick 8; Cardinal All[illegible] Llandovery College 11, Wins[illegible] College 5; Netherlands Select[illegible] Ormskirk GS 4; Blackpool Collegi[illegible] Cowley 18; Richard Hale 0, Mo[illegible] Marys 10; QEGS Blackburn 5, [illegible] 10; Solcoats 0, Kings Tynemou[illegible] Leeds GS 8, De La Salle 7; Hull[illegible] 0, Merchant Taylors Crosby 0.

TODAY'S GROUPS: A: West [illegible] Grammar School, Arnold School, [illegible] Salle College, Merchant Taylors [illegible] B: Leeds GS, Hutton GS, [illegible] Canada, Edinburgh Academy C: [illegible] caster Royal Grammar School, D[illegible] ter GS, Winstanley College [illegible] Blackpool Collegiate. D: Llan[illegible] College, Cowley School, QEGS [illegible] field, Duchess's Alnwick.

Badminton

England build on Miss Leadbeater's start

By Richard Streeton

England built on the confidence inspired by a decisive opening singles win by Sally Leadbeater to finish 3—1 ahead against Denmark at Redbirdge last night when their two-day Uber Cup European Zone final began. The match, sponsored by Carlton Sports, is completed today with five more rubbers and England must be favourites to win comfortably and take a place in next month's Inter Zone finals in Japan.

In the next few years the 1980/81 season will always be recalld as the winter when Miss Leadbeater left the ranks of the promising and became a good player beyond all argument. The 19-year-old Guernsey girl, who came to the mainland to devote her life to badminton, has gone from strength to strength in recent months. To beat Kirsten Larsen 11—2, 11—5, in the first singles was a significant performance for herself and of enormous value to England in terms of team spirit.

Miss Larsen has never quite lived up to the headlines she earned by eliminating Gillian Jilks in the first round of last year's all-England event. Her great height and strength, however, can always pose problems for her opponents. This time she started slowly and it was only towards the end of the second game that she played to her known ability. She lost the first set in eight minutes unable to ge her backhand working in the corner.

All through the rallies tended to be short and quickfire in tempo. It was Miss Leadbeater who was sharper at close range and whose small frame packed the harder hit strokes, when it mattered.

Lene Köppen, scoring consistently with deceptive cross court dropshots, won her singles as expected. She beat Jane Webster 11—5, 11—4 in 15 minutes. Miss Webster's singles game against the better players remains an enigma but fortunately Miss Webster as a doubles player continues to improve. With Nora Perry in devastating form at the net, in her home sport centre, they beat Miss Köppen and Anne Skovgaard 15—5, 15—13.

The other doubles in which Karen Bridge and Barbara Sutton defeated the useful Danes, Nettie Nielsen and Dorte Jjaer was closely contested early on but the English pair dominated the deciding set and won 18—16, 16—17, 15—6. There were numerous thrills in the second set with the English pair saving two game points at 12—14 and the Danes eventually taking it on their fourth mathcpoint.

RESULTS: Miss S. Leadbeater (Guernsey) beat Miss K. Larsen 11—2, 11—5. Miss J. Webster (Suffolk) lost to Miss L. Koppen 5—11, 4—11. Miss K. Bridge (Surrey) and Mrs B. Sutton (Staffs) beat Miss D. Kjaer and Miss N. Nielsen 18—16, 16—17, 15—6. Miss Webster and Mrs N. Perry (Essex) beat Miss Koppen and Mrs A. Skovgaard 15—5, 15—3. England lead Denmark 3—1.

Swimming

A glimpse of Everest

By Athole Still

The two pleasing trends already apparent on the first day of the Coca-Cola National Short Course swimming championships at Barnet Copthal became even more firmly established yesterday when yet again every title bar one changed hands and yet another winter discovery vindicated his reputation.

Sixteen-year-old Adrian Moorhouse (Leeds Central) won the 100 metres breaststroke with the kind of authority that fully merited his taking over the mantle of the Olympic champion Duncan Goodhew, whose fully clothed presence only a few feet from the starting blocks may well have inspired this young lion rather more than the rest of the field.

Moorhouse turned at the 50 in a fast 29.8 sec and came home without slowing noticeably in a personal best time of one minute 03.66 secs, which would have placed him first in every international breaststroke sprint of the winter shortcourse season, with the sole exception of the Florida invitational last December. There is every reason to believe that the well-built, technically excellent Moorhouse will continue to improve and if so, Goodhew's Commonwealth record (1 min 01.83 sec) is by no means the Everest it must have appeared to him a few months ago.

June Croft (Wigan Wasps) and Susannah Brownsdon (Tunbridge Wells) both won their second titles in the 800 metres free-style and 200 metres individual medley respectively. But Miss Croft leads the medal winners' table by also taking the silver in this latter event, which was shorn of much of its interest (not to mention glamour) by the much-publicized absence of Sharron Davies. Although the winning time (2 min 20.17 sec) was some four *seconds slower than the British* record of Miss Davies, there was distinct evidence that Miss Brownsdon, like so many breaststroke specialists, could well develop into a significant international performer on this short medley.

The only champion to retain a title was Jane Admans (Slough Dolphins) in the 200 metres backstroke, a surprising result in view of the fact that Miss Admans has been well below her past form in recent months, due apparently to a mystery virus complaint.

RESULTS: Men's 100 metres breaststroke: 1, A. Moorhouse (Leeds) 1 min 03.66sec; 200 metres free-style 1, M. Taylor (Cardiff) 1min 51.71 sec, 400 metres individual medley: 1, J. Davey (Manchester) 4min 29.03 sec.

Women's 200 metres backstroke: 1, J. Admans (Slough) 2 min 18.57 sec; 200 metres individual medley: 1, S. Brownsdon (Royal Tunbridge Wells) 2 min 20.17 sec. 800 metres freestyle: 1, J. Croft (Wigan) 8 min 44.29 sec.

Show jumping

Fletcher completes double

By *Pamela Macgregor-Morris*

Graham Fletcher brought off a double yesterday at the Wales and West Show, near Chepstow. On his Irish five-year-old Crunch Line, by Glaxo, bought in Northern Ireland in February and one of three good novices to join his string during the winter, he won the Grade C competition.

Riding his old partner Buttevant Boy, David Broome's brother-in-law then shared the spoils in the Harris Carpets' Grade A and B, the main event of the day, with Marion Mould on Nice and Easy, who used to be ridden by Derek Ricketts. Fletcher was also third on Treachon, beating James Kernan from Northern Ireland on Condy.

Buttevant Boy, by Chi Chi Casanango, was Fletcher's first good horse. They joined forces when Graham was 17 and Buttevant Boy, aged four, had cost his father, Ken Fletcher, £200. Together they have won both Dublin and Aachen Grand Prix, the British National Championships, The Victor Ludorum at Olympia and the Welsh Jumping Derby on this same course. "He has worked hard all his life, but he loves the job and is still sound", said Fletcher. "As he hates being out in the field, he will remain an active member of my string as long as he continues to enjoy it."

There are now four excellent rings on this showground, which Fred Broome started 11 years ago, and the three-day spring meeting has attracted nearly 500 entries. "I've had 100 Suffolk ewes, which were lambed down at Christmas, on it until three weeks ago so that land is doing two jobs" he told me proudly.

Boxing

Ring no place for a woman

Tokyo, April 3.—Becky O'[illegible] manager of the World B[illegible] Association bantamweight [illegible] pion, Jeff Chandler, of the U[illegible] States, has been banned fro[illegible] ring during Chandler's titl[illegible] fence against Eijiro Murat[illegible] Japan, on Sunday because w[illegible] are considered "impure".

She had asked for the rig[illegible] chief second, to enter the [illegible] The Japanese challenger's [illegible] ger refused, saying that w[illegible] had never been allowed in[illegible] ring at the Kuramae, the [illegible] for Japan's traditional spo[illegible] sumo. Miss O'Neill will enco[illegible] Chandler from ringside.—A[illegible] France-Presse.

French racing

Detroit could lose the argument

From Desmond Stoneham
French Racing Correspondent
Paris, April 3

The feature at the reopening of Longchamp on Sunday will be the meeting of Detroit and Argument in the 10-furlong Prix d'Harcourt. In last October's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Detroit defeated the fast finishing Argument by half a length, but this time the positions could be reversed.

Olivier Douieb, Detroit's trainer, told me: "My filly's a little backward so Argument might beat us on Sunday—but never again. I must race her in the Harcourt as a preparation for the Prix Ganay."

Detroit, the *property* of Robert Sangster, retired for the season after her Arc victory but Argument was sold for $1m before going on to take the Washington International in the hands of Lester Piggott. Third place may go to Ya Zaman, who recently proved his wellbeing with a comfortable victory in the Prix du Vert Clos.

PRIX DE FONTAINEBLEAU (Group III: 3-y-o colts: £14,815: 1m)
-113 Red Flash, 9-2 .... G. Dubroeucq
10- Great Substance, 9-2 .. A. Gibert
140- Travolta, 9-2 ...... L. Piggott
210- Bardenac, 9-2 .... —
113- Cresta Rider, 9-2 .... P. Paquet
10-3 Kisty, 9-2 .... A. Lequeux
132- Prince Mab, 9-2 ...... F. Head
100- *Irish Playboy, 9-2 ...... —
01- Princely Ruler, 9-2
M. Philipperon
210- Singapore River, 9-2 . H. Samani
011- Redoutable, 9-2 .... G. Doleuze
143- Lou Piguet, 9-2 .... J.-C. Desaint
5-2 Cresta Rider, 11-4 Great Substence, 9-2 Prince Mab, 6-1 Lou Piguet.

PRIX D'HARCOURT (Group II: £21,296: 1¼m)
(21- Argument, 4-9-1 .... A. Lequeux
10- *Glenorum, 4-9-2 .... —
131- Detroit, 4-9-1 ...... P. Eddery
1-41 Armistice Day, 5-9-0
Y. Saint-Martin
044- Cherubin, 6-8-12 .... P. Paquet
01-1 Ya Zaman, 4-8-12 .... A. Gibert
133- Katowice, 5-8-12 ...... S. Gorli
0-00 Rayanly, 7-8-12 .... —
5-4 Detroit, 6-4 Argument, 5-1 Ya Zaman, 6-1 Armistice Day.

PRIX DE BARBEVILLE (Group III: £14,815: 1m 7f 110yd)
000- Dhaubix, 4-9-0 ...... F. Head
010- What a Joy, 4-9-0 .. J.-L. Kessas
1-02 Chicbury, 4-9-0 .... G. Doleuze
031- Kelbomec, 5-8-12 .. J.-C. Desaint
0-12 Osten, 6-8-12 .... —
020- Monsieur Marcel, 5-8-12
G. Dubroeucq
10- El Badr, 6-8-12 .... A. Gibert
0-01 Marriageable, 7-8-12 . M. Planard
242- Roymel, 4-8-12 .... H. Samani
040- Son of Love, 5-8-12 . A. Lequeux
1-30 Hereas, 4-8-12 .. Y. Saint-Martin
10-0 Proustille, 4-8-9 . M. Philipperon
5-1 Kelbomec, 9-2 Chicbury, 5-1 What a Joy, 11-2 El Badr.
* Doubtful runner

Real tennis

Toates is pulled back to level pegging

By Roy McKelvie

Christopher Ronaldson (Hampton Court) and Barry Toates (Boston, US) were level after *the first four sets of their world* real tennis championship eliminating contest, played at Queen's Club yesterday. The score reads (Ronaldson first) 3—6, 6—5, 5—6, 6—1. Four fore sets will be played leg on Tuesday until one man gains a winning lead of seven sets. The winner challenges Howard Angus, the world champion.

The match, though it lasted two and a half hours, was by no means memorable unless it was for lost chances and a general lack of bite in the strokes of either man. Not *until the second set was a short* chase laid. Ronaldson began well enough and led 3—1 in the first set. Then losing his service length affected the whole of his game and mentality. He lost the next five games.

Ronaldson could do little right —he made a host of unforced errors—until Toates led 4—1 in the second set, an advantage few would have predicted before the match began. Slowly Ronaldson pulled his game together and, with an occasional stutter, took five of the next six games.

In the third set Ronaldson led 5—4 and 40-love, fluffed one set point and was then beaten by some bold forcing from Toates, a player who usually relies on finesse and defence, particularly with his volleying, rather than aggression.

In the fourth set Toates got cramp in his racket hand and Ronaldson, without any frills, did his job keeping the ball in play from corner to corner.

Rugby fives

NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS: Open Singles, semi-final round: M. Horn (Merchant Taylors') beat R. Hollins (Bradfield), 7—11, 11—6, 11—8; A. Brown (Bradfield) beat N. Blofeld (Bedford Modern), 11—2, 11—2. Open doubles semi-finals: Bradfield beat Alleyn's I, 11—2, 11—1; St Pauls I beat St Dunstan's I, 11—5, 7—11, 11—7. Colts' singles, semi-finals: D. Moar (St Dunstan's) beat M. Hallalexandrou (St Dunstan's), 6—11, 11—1, 12—10; I. Jack (St Dunstan's) beat S. Roberts (St Paul's), 11—1, 11—1. Colts' doubles, semi-finals: St Paul's I beat St Dunstan's II, 11—5, 11—7; St Dunstan's I beat Radley, 11—7, 11—5.

Squash rackets

Today's play will be an education

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent

Six Pakistanis, three Australians, two Egyptians, two *Englishmen*, two New Zealanders and a Swede will be on stage at the Churchill Theatre, Bromley, today in the £21,090 British Open championship, sponsored by *Audi*. The pairings are: Hunt v Bowditch, Brownlee v Kenyon, Saad v Norman, Awad v Kvant, Aluddin v Jahan, Williams v Jahangir, Daulat v Maqsood, and Briars v Zaman.

Between them they will give an educational demonstration of the different ways in which squash can be played well. As examples, Alauddin plays with the gentle precision that destroys by stealth, Awad fancies himself as an acrobat, Jahan and Williams exude combative virility, Zaman and Bowditch both have the facility to turn a craft into an art

There will be much domestic interest in the efforts of Gawain Briars (on his birthday) and Philip Kenyon to give Britain a place in the last eight. Other than Jonah Barrington, who no longer competes much, the only player to do that since 1970 has been Jonathan Leslie. In 1977 Leslie *made* the most of the fact that the leading Pakistanis did not compete because their Government's opposition to the participation of South Africans was then adamant.

At this halfway point the championship has been moved from the Bromley Town club. Except for the difficulty of gaining access to seats via the congested gallery, this was the *championship's most congenial* location since it was played at Sheffield seven years ago.

This is a reminder that the first British junior circuit has so far produced the following points leaders: Under-19, Adrian Jaski (Middlesex); Under-16, Nigel Stiles (Surrey); Under-14, Christopher Baker (Yorkshire); Under-12, David Simpson (Lancashire); Under-10 (Joint leaders), David Campion (Yorks), Angus Kirkland (Sussex), Peter Marshall (Leicestershire).

Weekend fixtures

Kick-off 3.0, unless stated

First division

Birmingham v Middlesbrough
Brighton v Arsenal
Leeds v Coventry
Leicester v A Villa
Manchester U v C Palace
Norwich v Manchester C
Southampton v Nottm F
Sunderland v Wolverhampton
Tottenham v Everton
West Bromwich v Ipswich

Second division

Bristol C v Orient
Cambridge U v Bolton
Chelsea v Cardiff
Preston v Oldham
QP Rangers v Grimsby
Sheffield W v Luton
Shrewsbury v Derby
Swansea v Blackburn
Watford v Newcastle
West Ham v Bristol R

Scottish first division

Berwick v Dunfermline
Dumbarton v Hamilton
Dundee v St Johnstone
East Stirling v Ayr
Hibernian v Stirling
Motherwell v Falkirk
Raith v Clydebank

Scottish second division

Alloa v Forfar
Brechin v Cowdenbeath
Meadowbank v Albion
Montrose v Arbroath
Queen's Park v Clyde
Stenhousemuir v East Fife
Stranraer v Queen of South

Third division

Burnley v Swindon
Carlisle v Portsmouth
Charlton v Huddersfield
Chester v Barnsley
Chesterfield v Fulham
Colchester v Sheffield U
Exeter v Reading
Millwall v Rotherham
Newport v Blackpool (3.15)
Oxford U v Brentford
Plymouth v Hull

Fourth division

Aldershot v Bradford C
Bury v Tranmere
Halifax v Northampton
Lincoln v Hereford
Mansfield v Rochdale
Port Vale v Peterborough
Scunthorpe v York
Wigan v Bournemouth
Wimbledon v Doncaster

Scottish premier division

Airdrie v St Mirren
Hearts v Kilmarnock
Morton v Aberdeen
Rangers v Dundee U

FA TROPHY: Semi-final round: First leg: Bangor City v Sutton United, Dartford v Bishop's Stortford.

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Barnet v Barrow; Bath v Kettering; Gravesend v Altrincham; Maidstone v AP Leamington; Wealdstone v Scarborough; Weymouth v Northwich Victoria; Worcester v Boston United.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Banbury v Bromsgrove; Barry v Enderby; Bedworth v Minehead; Bridgend v Stourbridge, Gloucester v Corby; Kidderminster v Trowbridge; Merthyr Tydfil v Cambridge City; Milton Keynes v Alvechurch; Redditch v Cheltenham; Taunton v Bedford; Witney Town v Wellingborough. Southern division: Addlestone and Weybridge v Hastings; Aylesbury v Basingstoke, Canterbury v Andover; Chelmsford v Margate; Dunstable v Salisbury; Hillingdon Borough v Crawley; Hounslow v Dover; Poole v Ashford; Waterlooville v Tonbridge.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Burton Albion v Mossley (3.30); Buxton v Workington; Gateshead v Morecambe; Lancaster v Southport; Marine v South Liverpool; Matlock v Macclesfield; Oswestry v King's Lynn, Runcorn v Netherfield; Tamworth v Worksop; Witton Albion v Gainsborough Trinity.

IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Glentoran, Cliftonville v Distillery; Crusaders v Ballymena; Glenavon v Portadown; Larne v Coleraine; Linfield v Bangor.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Boreham Wood v Dagenham; Bromley v Hayes; Enfield v Dulwich Hamlet; Harlow v Staines; Leatherhead v Leytonstone and Ilford; Slough v Croydon; Tooting and Mitcham v Harrow Borough; Woking v Hitchin; Wycombe Wanderers v Hendon. First division: Aveley v Metropolitan Police; *Billericay v Kingstonian; Chesham v* Walton and Hersham; Farnborough v Hertford; Finchley v Lewes; Oxford City v Hampton; St Albans v Epsom and Ewell; Tilbury v Camberley; Ware v Clapton; Wembley v Maidenhead United. Second division: Epping v Eastbourne United; Feltham v Barton Rovers; Hemel Hempstead v Rainham; Hungerford v Letchworth Garden City; Molesey v Cheshunt; Southall v Harwich and Parkeston; Tring v Hornchurch; Willesden v Horsham.

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Semi-final replay: Bognor Regis v Worthing.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Basildon v Marlow; Burnham v Ruislip Manor; Chalfont St Peter v Banstead; Chertsey v Harefield; Haringey Borough v Alton; Hoddesdon v Grays; Redhill v Leyton-Wingate; Uxbridge v Fleet; *Welling v Edgware*. *League* Cup: Semi-final round: Windsor and Eton v Woodford.

WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Clevedon v Liskeard; Falmouth v Devizes; Keynsham v Dawlish; Mangotsfield v Saltash; Welton Rovers v Bideford. Cup: Semi-final Round: Exmouth v Weston-super-Mare. Quarter-final: Bridport v Barnstaple.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Old Aldenhamians v Lancing OB; Old Carthusians v Old Wellingburians, Old Foresters v Old Brentwoods; Old Salopians v Old Malvernians.

Rugby Union

JOHN PLAYER CUP: Semi-final round: Gosforth v Moseley; London Scottish v Leicester.

CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon v Llanelli; Abertillery v Pontypool; Bath v Newport (3.30); Bradford v Hartlepool Rovers; Bridgend v Rosslyn Park; Bristol v Harlequins; Camborne v Gloucester (6.0); Cardiff v Bedford; Chester v Sheffield; Coventry v Rugby; Cross Keys v Maesteg; Ebbw Vale v Newbridge; Exeter v Cheltenham; Fylde v Roundhay; Halifax v Manchester: London Irish v Birmingham; London Welsh v Swansea; Metropolitan Police v Broughton Park; Morley v Malone; Neath v Richmond; New Brighton v Liverpool; Northampton v Headingley; Nottingham v Wasps; Penarth v South Wales Police; Plymouth Albion v Glamorgan Wanderers; Pontypridd v Saracens; Sale v Wakefield; Tredegar v Lydney; US Portsmouth v Blackheath; Waterloo v St Helens; West Hartlepool v Northern; Wilmslow v Nuneaton.

Rugby League

CHALLENGE CUP: Semi-final round: St Helens v Hull KR (at Leeds).

Hockey

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final round (at Guildford HC): Slough v Neston (12.15); Southgate v Olton and West Warwickshire (3.15).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: RAF v Hampstead (at Vine Lane, Uxbridge).
WOMEN: Tournaments: Derbyshire clubs (at Ilkeston); Surrey clubs (at Merton Abbey).

Lacrosse

Women's clubs and colleges tournaments (at Motspur Park).
NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle v Old Waconians; Heaton Mersey v Timperley; Mellor v Sale; Old Hulmeians v Old Stonfordians; Sheffield University v South Manchester and Wythenshawe.
SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Kenton v Purley; Lee v Croydon; St Helier v Hillcroft.

Cross-country

British schools international (at Swansea).

Fencing

BUSF championship (at de Beaumont Centre, West Kensington).

Golf

Central England Open men's foursomes (at Woodhall Spa).

Netball

National club finals (at Basildon).

Race walking

Metropolitan Open 20km (at Battersea Park).

Rackets

British Open singles championship (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

Real tennis

World Challenge eliminator (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

Rugby fives

Schools' championship (at St Paul's, Barnes); Amateur singles (at Alleyn's School, Dulwich).

Snooker

World professional championship qualifying (at Stockport); English amateur championship North (at Blackpool).

Squash rackets

British Open (at Churchill Theatre, Bromley).

Swimming

National short-course championship (at Barnet).

Tomorrow

Football

SECOND DIVISION: Notts Cou[illegible] Wrexham.
FOURTH DIVISION: Darlingt[illegible] Torquay.
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: [illegible] tick Thistle v Celtic.
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: [illegible] ralon v Worcester (4.0).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEA[illegible] King's Lynn v Mossley, Work[illegible] Workington.

Rugby League

FIRST DIVISION: Feather[illegible] Rovers v Bradford Northern (3[illegible] Leeds v Leigh, Oldham v Wak[illegible] Trinity, Widnes v Halifax, Work[illegible] Town v Hull (3.30).
SECOND DIVISION: Bramle[illegible] Blackpool Borough (3.30), Fulh[illegible] Whitehaven, Hunslet v Batley, B[illegible] v Rochdale Hornets, Swinton v [illegible] Wigan v Huddersfield.

Rugby Union

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CUP: [illegible] Moderns v Mansfield.
TOURNAMENTS: Berkshire [illegible] sevens (at Windsor and Old Wi[illegible] ians); Essex sevens (at Thurr[illegible]) Hertfordshire sevens (at We[illegible] 12.30); Bournemouth sevens (12[illegible]) Brighton sevens; Dover sevens; [illegible] Banks sevens (at Roehampton).

Hockey

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Final [illegible] Guildford HC, 3.45).
EAST COUNTY LEAGUE: Cambr[illegible] shire v Hertfordshire (at Camb[illegible] City).
COUNTY MATCH: Northam[illegible] Leicestershire (at St Andrews, N[illegible] ampton).
TOURNAMENTS: Chelmsford [illegible] sevens (at Chelmsford HC); No[illegible] club championship, finals (at Nor[illegible] Union HC); Truman Trophy cham[illegible] ship (at East Grinstead HC, 11.30[illegible]
CORNWALL CUP: Final: Penzan[illegible] Newquay (at Truro, 2.30).
OTHER MATCHES: Sussex Rene[illegible] v Brighton (at Portslade, 2.45); Herts HC v HA XI (at Watford).
WOMEN: Representative[illegible] Combined Services v East U25 (at [illegible] Cosford). Tournament: Midland championship (at Wombourne [illegible] Wolverhampton); South clubs [illegible] finals (at Guildford).

Fencing

BUSF Championships (at de B[illegible] mont Centre, West Kensington).

Golf

Central England Open Men's f[illegible] somes (Woodhall Spa).

Rackets

British Open singles champions[illegible] (at Queen's Club, West Kensingto[illegible]).

Rugby fives

Amateur singles (at Alleyn's Sch[illegible] Dulwich).

Snooker

English amateur championship N[illegible] (at Blackpool).

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Swimming

National short-course champions[illegible] (at Barnet).



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Rowing



The crew who aim to set the Thames on fire and the boat that could be floating on a river of tears. If Cambridge (above) are less than epoch-makers, Oxford are ensuring that history will be at the helm, whatever the margin



The dark blue flames of ambition

By Jim Railton

Oxford University are such strong favourites for today's Boat Race and the Ladbroke Trophy (1.0) that they must not throw caution to the wind. Their coxswain, Susan Brown, is guaranteed a place in history as the first woman to compete in the event, but her crew are after a slice of history for themselves.

The record time is surely out of the reckoning, with the tide likely to be blunted by the mass of land water coming down. Oxford's chance of fame is to beat Cambridge by the greatest margin this century. That record margin, surprisingly, stands at only seven lengths; Cambridge have won by 10 lengths or more seven times this century. Their record margin, victory in 1900.

Oxford have produced a powerful and fierce racing machine which has only been denied the title of the fastest eight in Britain because they sensibly did not enter last Saturday's tideway Head of the River race and so they have not met the winners of that, Thames Tradesmen.

Oxford have a most experienced crew, with six winning Boat Race oarsmen backed by successful members of Isis, their reserve crew. They have an aggressive and fluent stroke in Bland, solidly supported by a formidable engine room. This contains the president, Mahoney, and Olympic silver medal winner in eights; Rankov, who is seeking his fourth successive Boat Race victory, and the lean and talented Andrews at seven. A talented bow includes winning Blues in Head and Conington.

Cambridge arrived on the Tideway two weeks ago in an order which would have guaranteed a massacre today. But within two days, their coach, Graeme Hall, was forced to row as a substitute. He felt that Cambridge's engine room needed stoking and did that by changing three of the bow-side places.

By promoting the president, James Palmer, to lead the bow-side, Cambridge resembled a fighting machine for the first time. The embers began to glow for them when their six man, Graham Phillips, shook off a virus and started to do his share of the shovelling.

So Cambridge have been rebuilding the crew for the past two weeks whereas Oxford settled and spent the time tuning. It was significant that Oxford were approaching a three-length lead last Wednesday in the first four minutes of a seven-minute piece against the British lightweights whereas, the next day, Cambridge had a bare length against the same opposition over four minutes on the same stretch.

Cambridge were forced to sprint the distance; Oxford found time to ease into a relaxed stroke while moving away from the lightweights. I have yet to see Cambridge finding that economic stride required for a Boat Race course and unless they find it there is danger of disintegration.

The weather forecast for today is a drifting light-to-moderate north-easterly wind which might favour the Middlesex station at first. It will be a helpful breeze but on a retarded tide it may be a long, slow haul to Mortlake and attention must be paid to gearing.

The start will be watched intently next year. Oxford and Cambridge clashed frequently, and, given grappling irons, there would have been a boarding. As a result, today's umpire, Ronnie Howard, will have a small launch to keep up with the action. He has warned both coxswains that, should either foul, he will disqualify. The only foul in the 126 Boat Races so far was in the tenth race in 1849 when Cambridge were disqualified.

The Cambridge cox, Wigglesworth, is likely to push to the limit and Miss Brown must keep her charges out of conflict. Oxford's aim must be to let a winning distance come naturally.

The last six encounters have produced a temporary equipment failure, a collapse, a last-minute substitution, clashing of oars, the closest finish (a canvas) since the dead-heat recorded in 1877, a sinking and a record.

Oxford's greatest danger has been their own equipment. If that fails, denying them their sixth successive victory, they will be more shocked than if their floating postillion were struck by lightning. Should Cambridge win it will be a success to rival their 16-length victory in 1955 against all expert predictions.

Of the races to date, Cambridge have won 68, Oxford 57, with one dead-heat. In the Isis-Goldie race half an hour before the big race, the Oxford reserves start favourites.

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Today's Boat Race crews

Oxford

		st	lb
Bow	P. J. Head (Hampton and Oriel)	12	6
2	N. A. Conington (Hampton and Oriel)		
3	R. P. Yonge (King's School, Canterbury, and New College)	14	4
4	R. P. Emerton (Abingdon and Christ Church)	13	1
5	N. B. Rankov (Bradford GS and St Hugh's)	14	5
6	C. J. Mahoney (Hampton and Oriel)	13	8
7	M. D. Andrews (Abingdon and Magdalen)	14	1
Str	J. L. Bland (King Edward VI, Stafford, and Merton)	14	1
Cox	S. Brown (Taunton and Wadham)	6	8

Cambridge

		st	lb
Bow	L. W. J. Baart (Shrewsbury and Caius)	13	2
2	M. F. Panter (Kingston GS and Lady Margaret)	13	12
3	R. J. Stephens (KCS Wimbledon and Emmanuel)	13	6
4	M. J. S. Clark (Shrewsbury and Downing)	13	9
5	M. P. Cowie (Cheltenham and Fitzwilliam)	13	7
6	A. G. Phillips (City of London and Jesus)	13	0
7	J. S. Palmer (Eton and Pembroke)	14	5
Str	A. D. Dalrymple (Eton and Downing)	12	12
Cox	C. J. Wigglesworth (Bryanston and Jesus)	8	0

Hockey

Wales keep on course for semi-final

Kuala Lumpur, April 3.—Wales maintained their challenge for a semi-final place in the men's intercontinental cup when they beat Japan 3—2 in a group A tie. The Welsh have five points from three games and if they beat Italy tomorrow their route to the last four will hinge on Monday's game against Malaysia.

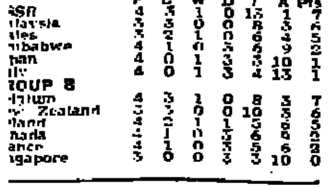
Cattrall struck the first blow in the sixteenth minute from a penalty corner and the centre-forward Thomas made it two eight minutes later. In a rare attack Japan reduce dthe deficit in the thirtieth minute when Numa flicked the ball home from close range. But Wales went further ahead in the forty-fifth minute through a penalty stroke converted by Western and Sakamoto's second goal for Japan, in the last minute, came too late to matter.

New Zealand, the 1976 Olympic champions, and the Soviet Union retained their unbeaten records. New Zealand beat Canada 3—1 in Group B, all four goals coming in the second half, and the Soviet Union went to the top of Group A with a 4—0 win over Italy.

Canada's surprise opening goal spurred on New Zealand and in the space of five minutes Miskimmin shot them into a 2—1 lead. McLeod adde dthe third from a penalty corner in the forth-eighth minute.

In the other Group B match, Ireland held Belgium to a 1—1 draw to keep alive their slim hopes of a semi-final place.

RESULTS: Group A: USSR 4, Italy 0; Wales 3, Japan 2. Group B: Belgium 1, Ireland 1; New Zealand 3, Canada 1.



GROUP A	P	L	W	D	F	A	Pts
USSR	4	3	1	0	15	1	7
Malaysia	3	3	0	0	8	3	6
Wales	3	2	1	0	6	4	5
Zimbabwe	4	1	0	3	6	9	2
Japan	4	0	1	3	3	10	1
Italy	4	0	1	3	4	13	1
GROUP B							
Belgium	4	3	1	0	8	3	7
New Zealand	3	3	0	0	10	3	6
Ireland	4	2	1	1	5	5	5
Canada	4	1	0	3	6	6	2
France	4	1	0	3	5	6	2
Singapore	3	0	0	3	3	10	0

Slough seek second title double

By Sydney Friskin

Slough, who will defend their European club hockey title in Brussels on June 5, play Neston today in the semi-final round of the national club championship at Guildford, starting at 2.15 pm. In the second match Southgate will be opposed by Olton and West Warwickshire and the final will be played at 3.15 tomorrow. Slough and Southgate are expected to go through.

As holders of the national indoor title, also sponsored by Rank Xerox, Slough will attempt to achieve a double which only they have completed once before, in 1979—that of winning both indoor and outdoor trophies in one season. They have the talent to do it.

Neston, led by Cubley, are upset at having to do so much travelling. In a letter to the Hockey Association they have stated that a Midlands venue would have made the fixtures more commutable to any of the four clubs concerned.

Golf

Thompson lunges into lead

From John Hennessy
Golf Correspondent
Greensboro, April 3.

A new leader emerged on the second morning of the Greater Greensboro Open tournament here in North Carolina today. He was Leonard Thompson, who was a prominent challenger for the European Open at Walton Heath last September. Today Thompson added a 71 to his 69, three under par, on the first day to achieve a two round total of 140.

Of the two overnight leaders on 68, both frozen out yesterday by the time difference, Jay Haas was a later starter today and Bill Kratzert lost ground. Kratzert's score today was 75. Nick Faldo, the principal British entry, was another to tee off in the afternoon. Peter Oosterhuis gave himself a chance of surviving the 36 hole cut with a 72 today. After a first round of 75, an outward half of 33 seemed likely to remove all anxiety for Oosterhuis but four fives, coming home contributed everything towards a second half of 39.

Thompson is not a member of the new breed of American "college clones". Not for him, then, the lissom body swing, or indeed the lissom body. He is 33, with a formidable physique 6ft 2in tall and weighing nearly 14½ stone. From a slow back swing he develops something of a lunge with a good deal of brute force in the action. His style was so characterized by the remark of one spectator, "that's one for the coal heaver", as he creamed another big drive down the fairway. He has been on the circuit for eleven years and has achieved only two tournament victories, one in 1974 the other in 1977. You might argue that he is in for another, alternatively that he has had enough chances and must be regarded as not belonging to the top drawer. The first choice holds sway here

From three under par overnight, Thomson went to five under after only four holes this morning. Starting at the 10th, he contrived a two at the 186-yard 12th, thanks to a 10ft put, and he expected professional four at the 512-yards 13th. He went boldly for the elevated green there undaunted by the oceans of sand. A yard or two more to the left and he must have been near the hole with his second shot. As it was, he found a bunker and had to hole with his second shot. As it was, he found a bunker and had to hole from six feet for his four. The second short hole, however, found him out with a bunker for his sand wedge left him six yards short. He came back strongly, but again a short hole unhinged him. He had got his score to six under when he plunged into a bunker beside the 17th green, took two to get out, and still needed two putts.

George Burns, 69 overnight, disappeared from all calculations this morning and Lee Trevino came through as the main threat. Three under par overnight, he went to four under, not once, but twice, in the first half but finally had to settle for a par round of 72, which left him one stroke behind Thomson.

Bob Shearer, an Australian now attached to an American club, distinguishetd himself by recording two eagles in the space of three holes by way of his trusty sandwedge. He used it for a 110-yards pitc hto the 381-yards 11th, and for a chip in front of the green at the long picturesque 13th. On both occasions, the ball scuttled out of sight. From one under par, he suddenly plunged, if that is the word, to three under but his golf otherwise lacked the consistency to allow him to capitalize on his unusual coup.

SECOND ROUND LEADERS: 140: L. Thompson, 69, 71. 141: L. Trevino, 69, 72. 143: W. Kratzert, 68, 75; D. Edwards, 71, 72; D. Pohl, 71, 72. 144: I. Aoki (Japan), 71, 73; R. Walzel, 70, 74; J. Simons, 76, 68; W. Calfee, 72, 72; M. Morley, 75, 69. 145: S. Hoch, 72, 73; V. Regalado, 72, 73; J. Fought, 71, 74; R. Curl, 73, 72; G. Burns, 69, 76; T. Jenkins, 74, 71. 146: B. Fleischer, 75, 72; J. Inman, 72, 74; L. Wadkins, 70, 76; J. C. Snead, 73, 73; C. Peete, 72, 75; F. Conner, 73, 73; D. Stockton, 74, 72; B. Thompson, 72, 73. 147: E. Pearce, 75, 72; P. Oosterhuis (GB), 75, 72; T. Weiskopf, 71, 76; C. Sanudo, 78, 69; R. Byman, 71, 76; D. Quigley, 70, 77.

Tennis

Miss Borneo top of world

By Lewine Mair

Of several upsets in the round robin stages of the Saab Grand Final at Gloucester Leisure Centre none provided more of a talking point than the defeat of Amanda Brown, daughter of the Norwich City football manager. Miss Brown, who won the under-18 grass and covered court championships, lost 4—6 to Belinda Borneo, who, at 14 years and five months, is 18 months her junior.

The one-set matches played at this stage of the proceedings are almost always a more daunting prospect for the better player but, with due respect to Miss Borneo, a graceful performer with plenty of potential, this game should have presented Miss Brown with few problems.

Miss Brown could yet come through her round robin group, but the feeling is that she is making things unnecessarily difficult for herself. Sue Mappin, the former Wightman Cup player, is not alone in seeing her as the finest athlete in girls' tennis but is frustrated by the fact that she uses her great reach and speed only when retrieving and seldom when she is on the attack.

BOYS (16 and under): T. Mitchell (Yorkshire) beat B. Knapp (Gloucester), 7—6; J. Clunie (Devon) beat C. Smith (Buckinghamshire), 6—3; A. Lakatos (Middlesex) beat D. Shann (Hertfordshire), 6—2; P. Moore (Surrey) beat M. Bromfield (Kent), 6—3. Under 14: R. Whichello (Kent) beat M. Sims (Devon), 6—0; Whichello beat G. Key (Surrey), 6—2; A. Hunting (Leicestershire) beat Sims, 6—4; G. Key beat Hunting, 7—5; J. Goodall (Yorkshire) beat R. Every (Derbyshire), 7—5; I. Mackinlay (East of Scotland) beat S. Horon (Yorkshire), 7—6.

GIRLS (16 and under): B. Borneo (Bedfordshire) beat A. Brown (Norfolk), 6—4; S. Walpole (Surrey) beat A. Croft (Kent), 7—6; J. Salmon (Sussex) beat S. Sullivan (Essex), 6—4; R. Einy (Middlesex) beat H. Narborough (Cambridgeshire), 6—3. 14 and under: J. Louis (Devon) beat A. Brasher (Surrey), 6—2; J. Louis beat C. Gilles (Hampshire), 6—2; S. Mair (East of Scotland) beat A. Brasher, 6—0; C. Gilles beat S. Mair, 6—4; A. Grunfeld (Lancashire) beat A. Grant (Lincolnshire), 6—3; C. A. Grant (Lincolnshire), 6—3; C. (Devon), 6—2.

Top tournament cancelled

One of the leading women's tournaments in the run-up to Wimbledon has been cancelled through lack of sponsorship. The Lawn Tennis Association yesterday announced the cancellation of the £60,000 event, which has been held for the last two years in Chichester and was moved this year to Nottingham for the week beginning June 8.

The tournament may, however, be saved in some form. "We are doing our utmost to come up with something," John James, the LTA secretary, said. "It's a matter of seeing what we can put together at such short notice. We shall be trying very hard in the next week or two to find a solution.

"It is such an important time of the year for us that I feel it is imperative to hold a women's tournament somewhere at that time, hopefully with the same amount of prize money."

The men have their grass court tournament the same week at Queen's Club with a £75,000 sponsorship from Stella Artois.

For the record

Golf

JAKARTA: Indonesian Open: 136: S. Onsham (Thailand), 69, 67. 138: G. Burrows (U.S.), 72, 66. 139: M. Aye (Burma), 70, 69. 140: Hsu Shi San (Taiwan), 74, 66. 141: Lu Shi Chuen (Taiwan), 70, 71; Chen Tze Chung (Taiwan), 72, 69; J. Clifford (Australia), 71, 70; M. Ramayah (Malaysia), 71, 70.

Basketball

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Playoff: Philadelphia 96, Indiana Pacers 86 (Philadelphia win series 2—0).

Boxing

CHICAGO: Middleweight (10 rounds): V. Antuofermo (US) beat M. Aldana (Mexico), pts.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh Penguins 1, Detroit Red Wings 1; Washington Capitals 3, Boston Bruins 2; New York Islanders 2, New York Rangers 1; Philadelphia Flyers 2, Buffalo Sabres 2; St Louis Blues 6, Los Angeles Kings 4; Calgary Flames 5, Colorado Rockies 3.

MINSK: European junior tournament: Finland 10, West Germany 1; Czechoslovakia 13, Switzerland 0; USSR 17, Austria 0; Sweden 20, Poland 3.

Tennis

BOISE (Idaho): Avon Futures tournament (US unless stated): C. Kohde (WG) beat Y. Vermaak (SA), 6—2, 6—4; K. Horvath beat P. Casale, 7—5, 2—6, 7—6; A. Kiyomura beat S. Leo (Australia), 6—0, 7—6; L. Sandin (Sweden) beat M. Van der Torre (Netherlands), 3—6, 6—0, 6—1.

LINZ (Austria): Grand prix tournament: G. Ocleppo (Italy) beat J. Fitzgerald (Australia), 6—4, 7—5.

Skiing

HEDENAESET (Sweden): 30km biathlon: 1, F. Fischer (WG), 1 hr 17 min 35 sec; 2, P. Angerer (WG), 1:20.29; 3, F. Bernreiter (WG), 1:21.02; 4, K. Sobak (Norway), 1:21.27; 5, S. Engen (Norway), 1:21.28; 6, F. Ullrich (EG), 1:22.17. British placings: 36, P. Brown, 1:31.54; 41, T. Wood, 1:35.36; 45, B. Shrosbree, 1:38.55; 46, B. Coode, 1:39.46; 47, S. Daglish, 1:41.34; 48, T. King, 1:46.42. World Cup placings: 1, Ullrich, 131 pts; 2, A. Alabyev (USSR), 130; 3, Sobak, 128; 4, Angerer, 115; 5, M. Jung (EG), 104.

Law Report April 3 1981 Court of Appeal

Charterers not liable for delay

Nereide SpA di Navagazione v Bulk Oil International Ltd

Before Lord Justice Lawton, Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice Fox

[Judgment delivered April 2]

Charterers of an oil tanker under the Exxonvoy 1969 charterparty, who gave notice of readiness when the vessel arrived at her loading port in Libya, were not responsible to the shipowners for demurrage and damages arising out of a period of delay during which the ship was unable to get into a berth, the delay being due to the unavailability of a berth owing to the presence of other ships.

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by the charterers, Bulk Oil International Ltd, from Mr Justice Mocatta, who, reversing a decision of an umpire, had upheld the umpire's alternative award in favour of the shipowners, Nereide SpA di Navagazione.

Mr Brian Davenport, QC and Mr Stephen Tomlinson for the charterers; Mr Kenneth Rokison, QC and Mr Bernard Rix for the shipowners.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON, delivering the judgment of the court, said that the problem was who, under the charterparty, if a tanker, after arrival at a port, could not load or discharge because of congestion, suffered the loss arising from the delay, the owners or the charterers. The umpire said the owners, Mr Justice Mocatta the charterers.

The charterparty, dated November 22, 1978, was a tanker port voyage charterparty. The object of the voyage was to load crude oil and/or dirty petroleum products at "one safe berth Marsa El Hariga", Libya, and discharge that cargo at "1-2 safe port(s) West Coast Italy ..." Laydays to commence on November 27 ... were to be 72 hours including Sundays and holidays. Demurrage per day was agreed at U.S. $33,247.

Clause 6, on which the charterers relied, provided: "Notice of readiness. Upon arrival at customary anchorage at each port of loading ... the master ... shall give the charterer ... notice ... that the vessel is ready to load ... cargo, berth or no berth, and laytime ... shall commence upon the expiration of six ... hours after receipt of such notice ... However, where delay is caused to vessel getting into berth after giving notice of readiness for any reason over which the charterer has no control, such delay shall not count as used laytime."

Clause 9 provided: "Safe berthing—Shifting. The vessel shall load ... at any safe place or wharf, or alongside vessels or lighters reachable on her arrival, which shall be designated and procured by the charterer, provided the vessel can proceed thereto, lie at, and depart therefrom always safely afloat ..."

The Laura Prima arrived at the customary anchorage at Marsa El Hariga at 01.40 hours on November 27, and gave notice of readiness. The vessel, however, could not get into a berth, all possible berths being occupied. That remained the position until 16.20 hours on December 6. The charterers were not responsible for that situation, nor was it in any way within their control. Once in the berth the vessel loaded by 19.00 hours on December 8.

The owners contended that the vessel was detained for nine days, eight hours and 50 minutes and claimed either demurrage or damages in respect of that period. The charterers claimed to be relieved from any liability for the delay before 16.20 hours on December 6 because it was caused by reasons over which they had no control. If that were right, after taking into account the agreed laytime, they were only liable for demurrage for 15 minutes.

It was the umpire's opinion that the charterers were right, but he asked the court for its opinion whether, on the facts found and on the true construction of the charterparty, (a) laytime was to count from 07.40 hours on November 27 and demurrage therefore from 07.40 hours on November 30 until 16.20 hours on December 6, or (b) although laytime and therefore demurrage were not to count during the period, the owners were entitled to damages for detention in respect of it.

The printed clauses under consideration had a history in case law. His Lordship referred to the *Angelos Lusis* ([1964] 2 Lloyd's Rep 28), a decision of Mr Justice Megaw, the *President Brand* ([1967] 2 Lloyd's Rep 338), a decision of Mr Justice Roskill, and the *Delian Spirit* ([1972] 1 QB 103), in all three of which clauses with similar words but with different punctuation to clauses 6 and 9 had been considered. In the *President Brand* Mr Justice Roskill had construed the "reachable on her arrival" clause in the same way as Mr Justice Megaw had done in the *Angelos Lusis* so that the charterers were liable for the delay until notice of readiness was given and were entitled to all the time from the time notice of readiness was given.

In the *Delian Spirit*, where the "reachable on arrival" clause was in the same terms as in the *President Brand*, the Court of Appeal decided as Mr Justice Roskill had done. That decision was binding upon their Lordships, although the decision in the *Delian Spirit* was not given until 1971. The Exxonvoy 1969 common form clauses came into use after the decision in the *Angelos Lusis* and the *President Brand*. The inference was that alterations were made for a purpose.

Mr Justice Mocatta was of the opinion that clauses 6 and 9 could only be applied in the same charterparty if the charterer, pursuant to clause 9, had designated and procured a safe place or wharf or vessels or lighters reachable upon the ship's arrival. Then, if some intervening event occurred causing delay over which the charterers had no control, such as the imposition of an embargo or an insufficiency of cargo, the last sentence of clause 6 would apply.

Mr Rokison had submitted that under clause 9, when the vessel got to the customary anchorage, the charterers had to designate and procure a berth "reachable on her arrival". Since no berth was reachable until December 6 the charterers were liable for the detention of the vessel until that date. The delay between the arrival at the customary anchorage and berthing would not have occurred had they discharged their contractual obligation under clause 9. By trying to rely on the last sentence in clause 6 to excuse a breach of contract the charterers were calling in aid their own wrongdoing. That was the real cause of the delay, not the congestion.

Mr Davenport based his submission on the plain meaning of the words as they would be understood by men experienced in the chartering of tankers. An important question would be who was to pay for time. The charterparty had to make provision for the charterers to load and discharge and the cost was reflected in the freight. Charterparties almost always stated how much laytime there was to be, when it was to commence, what happenings should be deemed to interrupt it and at what cost. That, counsel submitted, was what clauses 6 and 9 did.

The last sentence of clause 6 identified a state of affairs of fairly common occurrence nowadays when large tankers did provided that delay in getting into berth for reasons beyond the charterers' control should be at the owners' risk and not theirs. It was a reasonable assumption that a delay caused for any reason beyond the charterers' control after notice of readiness had been given was not to count as used laytime.

Mr Davenport's submission was well-founded. It fitted into the scheme of the charterparty. It enabled the last sentence of clause 6 to be read as commercial men would read it and to be reconciled with clause 9 since, when the reasoning in the *President Brand* and the *Delian Spirit* was applied, the period of detention for breach of clause 9 would come to an end with the allowed period of laytime extended by delay caused for any reason beyond the charterers' control, if that was what the evidence established. In many cases the evidence would not do so; and when it did not clause 9 would apply as it did in the *Angelos Lusis*.

Their Lordships would answer both the umpire's questions "No" and would allow the appeal.

The appeal was allowed.

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords refused.

Solicitors: Norton Rose, Botterell & Roche; Richards, Butler & Co.

When mistress' share in house should be valued

Hall v Hall

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Dunn and Lord Justice O'Connor

[Judgments delivered April 1]

Where a couple who have no intention or contemplation of marriage are living together in a house held in the name of one of them and the other has made a real contribution to its acquisition, it is a question of fact in each case as to what is his or her appropriate share in the equity. The value of the equity in the case of such a relationship is to be ascertained at the time when the relationship comes to an end.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the plaintiff, Valerie Hall, of Testwood, Totton, Hampshire, against the judgment of Judge Stock, QC, at Southampton County Court in January, 1980, that she recover against the defendant, Graham Hall, of Hammonds Close, Totton, £3,632 as a lump sum in lieu of a declaration that Mr Hall held the legal estate of the house in Hammonds Close on trust for sale for the benefit of the plaintiff as to a fifth of the equity as at March, 1978, when the parties ceased to live together.

The plaintiff had sought a declaration that Mr Hall held the property on trust for sale for the benefit of the plaintiff as to half of the present equity (the value having appreciated considerably since March, 1978) and as to half for the benefit of Mr Hall.

Mr Albert Minns for the plaintiff; Mrs Linda Davies for Mr Hall.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that it was not a husband and wife case but one where the parties had lived together between June, 1971 and March, 1978, without marrying. The plaintiff had left her husband and gone to live with Mr Hall, a divorced man. After her own divorce she had taken Mr Hall's name by deed poll. The parties had lived together as if they were husband and wife but with no thought of getting married, which would have been quite a good thing for the woman.

In October, 1977, they had moved to a house in Hammonds Close, which had been taken in Mr Hall's name. That arrangement had lasted only six months when he told her to go. She had no protection and went. He took another woman into the house.

The plaintiff claimed a share in the Hammonds Close house. The judge had found that they would not have been able to move there but for the fact that they were living together and both earning. She had paid for furnishing and housekeeping. The judge said that she was entitled to a share in the house on the principle of a resulting trust.

In a number of cases, such as *Cooke v Head* ([1972] 1 WLR 518); *Eves v Eves* ([1975] 1 WLR 1338); and *Tanner v Tanner* ([1975] 1 WLR 1346), where a man and woman who were not married had been living together and she had contributed to the joint expenses, there had been held to be a resulting trust in her favour. What her share was to be did not necessarily depend upon money.

In *Cooke v Head* the share was a third; in *Eves v Eves* a quarter. In the present case the judge had found that a fifth was the correct proportion and the court should not interfere.

But at what time should the plaintiff's share be taken to be realized? When she left in March, 1978? Or at the time of the hearing before the court?

The net equity had increased from £15,000 to £24,900. The judge had said that it was a fifth at the time of the separation but he had allowed interest at 10 per cent on her proportion of the equity from the time she left.

In the case of a husband and wife, which it was to be hoped was a permanent relationship, the trust should not be determined until the relationship ended by divorce. But in the present case the judge had been quite entitled to treat the trust as being extinguished and the shares of the parties assessed at the date of their separation. He had said that "she gets the benefit of her new set-up". The appeal should be dismissed.

LORD JUSTICE DUNN, agreeing, said that it was submitted for the plaintiff that there being a resulting trust and equality being equity, she was prima facie entitled to a half share. The cases, including *Falconer v Falconer* ([1970] 1 WLR 1333, 1336, 1338), a husband and wife case, demonstrated that it was a matter of fact in each case, looking at all the circumstances and all the evidence to determine what was the appropriate share in any particular case. It was inappropriate to take any preconceived proportion. The Judge's assessment of a fifth was right.

So far as the date of assessment for valuation was concerned, in the case of a mistress as in *Cooke v Head* that fell to be assessed at the date of separation. In the case of a mistress the trust came to an end upon the determination of the relationship which gave rise to the trust.

Lord Justice O'Connor agreed with both judgments.

Solicitors: Richard Predko, Totton; Hepherd, Winstanley & Pugh, Southampton.

Man barred from going to his own home

Liburd v Cork

Before Lord Justice Waller, Lord Justice Eveleigh and Sir John Willis

Frequent and repetitive acts of nuisance committed by a person against his next door neighbour entitle a court to order that person to be deprived of his right to live in or to visit his home if such an order is the only way of protecting the neighbour's rights. Moreover, *there is nothing objectionable in* a court that has made a final order restraining a tortfeasor from committing acts of nuisance subsequently varying or extending the terms of the injunction.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Mr David Charles Cork from an order of Judge Stinson, at Ipswich County Court on September 17, 1980, restraining him from returning to his house in Burrell Road, Ipswich, save for the purpose of collecting his belongings, and from a further order made by the judge on December 1, 1980. The orders were made in favour of Mr John Liburd, who lived next door to Mr Cork.

Mr Andrew Marsden for Mr Cork; Mr J. J. Wardlow for Mr Liburd.

LORD JUSTICE WALLER said that Mr Liburd came from the West Indies. Mr Cork, who lived with his mother) had psychiatric problems. He objected to somebody who was coloured being the owner of property in England. He threw mud at Mr Liburd's house, was abusive towards him, and otherwise interfered with his comfort and living.

Mr Liburd instituted proceedings in 1979, seeking damages and an injunction against Mr Cork. Initially an interlocutory injunction was granted restraining him from trespassing or committing the acts of nuisance complained of. But in January, 1980, he was adjudged to be in contempt for failure to comply with the injunction and a committal order was made, suspended on condition that he underwent psychiatric treatment.

In March the suspension was revoked by the judge after a repetition of Mr Cork's behaviour. The judge gave judgment for Mr Liburd, awarding him damages of £125 and making a final order restraining Mr Cork from throwing mud at or on Mr Liburd's land or belongings. Three days later the judge again suspended a committal order on condition that Mr Cork lived in a hospital.

By August, 1980, Mr Cork had left hospital and was brought before the court for repetitions of his behaviour and committed to prison. On September 17 he came before Judge Stinson, who made an order enjoining him on his release from prison from returning to his home except to collect his belongings. Within a short time another incident occurred, and Mr Cork was committed to prison for three months.

On December 1 an application by Mr Cork to have the order made in September rescinded was refused by the judge, who extended the order by permitting Mr Cork to call at his home to collect his belongings only if he was accompanied by a responsible person.

Counsel submitted that the court had *no* power to order Mr Cork not to go to his home. The rights that Mr Liburd required protecting were no more than not having Mr Cork trespassing or committing a nuisance on his property; to enjoin Mr Cork not to live next door was to go beyond the protection of Mr Liburd's rights. Alternatively it was argued that even if Judge Stinson had jurisdiction to make such an order, having made a *final* order in the action in March he had no power to enlarge the ambit of the injunction in September and again in December.

Thus two questions of principle arose as to whether the injunction was properly made.

If Judge Stinson thought that the only way to protect Mr Liburd's rights was to impose the residence injunction on Mr Cork he did have jurisdiction to make such an order. It was the only method of preventing Mr Cork from trespassing or causing a nuisance.

As to whether the judge could make the orders of September and December, the situation was that *Mr Cork* had constantly flouted the orders made by the court. The only remedy available to the judge was to commit him to prison indefinitely. But in September, as a matter of mercy and as an alternative to permanent imprisonment, he enlarged the ambit of the injunction. It would be wrong to say that it would be necessary for Mr Liburd to bring fresh proceedings before the court in order to get an injunction in wide enough terms. The judge had acted perfectly properly in doing what he did and had been right to make the extended orders. He was doing the best he could in the circumstances in making orders that were merciful to Mr Cork and their Lordships should not interfere with them.

Lord Justice Eveleigh delivered a concurring judgment, and Sir John Willis agreed.

The appeal was dismissed.

Solicitors: Cripps, Harries, Willis & Carter for Kersey, Tempest & Latter, Ipswich; Prettys, Ipswich.

Law Society winter 1981 final results

The following were successful in the Law Society solicitors' final examination winter 1981.

Key: (1) The Solicitor and his Business Client. (2) Conveyancing. (3) Probate and Administration. (4) Accounts. (5) Litigation. (6) Solicitors' Professional Practice. (7) Family Law and Consumer Protection.

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J. C. Hall, 1, 4; N. W. Hallchurch, 2, 4; Margaret K. Hansen, 7; N. R. Harries, 2; Kathryn J. Harrigan, 1, 4; J. C. P. Harris, 6; R. M. Harrison, 2, 6; Jane M. Hart, 1, 3; K. Hartley, 1, 7; J. A. Hassall, 1; J. R. Hatton, 4, 5; C. Hayley, 5; B. N. F. Hayter, 3, 4; N. J. D. Haywood, 2, 5; Sharon N. Hazell, 2, 4; W. W. H. Ho, 2; O. J. Holmes, 4; J. F. Hollam, 1; D. M. Houghton, 1, 6; A. S. Hughes, 4; Ann M. Hughes, 4, 7; T. J. B. Hughes, 4, 7; Judith M. Inman, 4, 6; R. Ismail, 1; M. A. Jabbal, 1, 5; Anne R. Jackson, 2; Gail E. Jackson, [illegible]

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Stock Exchange Prices

Light profit taking

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, March 30. Dealings End, April 9. § Contango Day, April 10. Settlement Day, April 21

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

BRITISH FUNDS

1980/81 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
SHORTS							
99 11/32	91	Exch	8¼% 1981	99 11/32	+1/32	8.306	11.587
99 5/16	91	Exch	9½% 1981	99 5/16	..	9.578	11.944
96⅝	85½	Exch	3% 1981	96⅝	..	3.105	12.202
100 15/16	93 5/16	Exch	12¾% 1981	100⅜	..	12.702	12.071
97½	88	Treas	8½% 1980-82	97 7/16	..	8.724	11.975
95¼	81⅝	Treas	3% 1982	94⅜	..	3.179	9.890
102¼	90½	Treas	14% 1982	101 15/16	..	13.733	11.759
95¾	85⅜	Treas	8¼% 1982	95⅝	+1/16	8.627	13.119
96	85⅝	Exch	9¼% 1982	95¾	+1/16	9.661	12.472
94⅞	84⅝	Exch	8¾% 1983	94 11/16	+1/16	9.241	12.184
89¼	76½	Exch	3% 1983	88½	..	3.390	9.821
95 7/16	85¾	Treas.	12% 1983	99 5/16	+1/16	12.098	12.477
94 5/16	84½	Treas	9½% 1983	94 5/16	..	9.835	12.311
102⅜	94¼	Exch	13½% 1983	101⅞	..	13.263	12.755
94 5/16	84⅞	Exch	10% 1983	94 5/16	..	10.631	12.665
87¼	76⅝	Fund	5½% 1982-84	87	..	6.322	11.035
97 7/16	86⅞	Exch	11¼% 1984	96⅞	+1/16	11.628	12.630
104 5/16	94½	Exch	14% 1984	103 5/16	+1/16	13.584	12.792
80⅝	68¼	Exch	3% 1984	80¼	..	3.738	10.383
99⅞	85	Treas	12% 1984	98⅜	+1/16	12.198	12.575
109¼	97⅝	Treas	15% 1985	107⅜	..	13.970	12.545
98⅞	96 15/16	Exch Cv	12% 1985	98 11/16	+1/16	12.160	12.385
75¾	65 5/16	Treas	3% 1985	75⅛	+⅛	3.993	10.587
MEDIUMS							
103¼	89½	Exch	12¼% 1985	98 5/16	-1/16	12.460	12.745
97¼	93½	Exch	11¾% 1986	96 11/16	..	12.153	12.680
69 15/16	69¼	Treas	3% 1986	69⅝	..	4.324	10.961
89⅞	78⅞	Treas	8½% 1984-86	87⅛	-⅛	9.947	12.340

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Stock markets
FT Ind 539.6 down 2.3
FT Gilts 70.06 down 0.04

Sterling
$2.2055 down 2.35 cents
Index 99.5 down 0.6

Dollar
Index 101.1 up 0.9
DM 2.1220 up 1.20 pts

Gold
$523.50 up $3

Money
3 mth sterling 12¼-12⅛
3 mth Euro $ 14⅞-14¾
6 mth Euro $ 14⅞-14¾

IN BRIEF

Chrysler has made its last 'gas guzzler'

Chrysler, the American car maker whose deep financial problems were rooted in its inability to follow the public's switch away from large cars, has closed its last "gas guzzler" production line.

The company yesterday closed its 53-year-old Lynch Road assembly plant in Detroit, pulling out of the full-sized car market entirely.

This summer, Chrysler will consolidate its production into four United States car plants making front-wheel-drive small cars and one Canadian plant making conventional intermediates.

The Chrysler New Yorker, Dodge St Regis and Plymouth Gran Fury, all big cars made at Lynch Road, never sold very well, despite a $57m (£25m) overhaul of the plant for the new models in 1978.

Chrysler says the plant and its 122-acre site is for sale. Rumours persist that it might be reopened, possibly for a joint venture with a Japanese car maker.

Housebuilding falters

Builders started work on 11,900 homes in February, compared to 13,600 in February, 1980, according to the Department of the Environment. But starts for the three months up to and including February were 18 per cent up on the previous quarter, reflecting the recent increase in house-building activity.

Bonn to cut spending

The West German Government is likely to decide next week on measures to cut Federal expenditure and stimulate investment, according to an official spokesman, but it will not fuel demand with a large spending package.

China oil target

China produced 24.9 million tons of crude oil in the first three months of the year, on course for its 1981 oil production target of 100 million tons. China's offshore oil wells are not expected to produce large quantities until after 1985.

Fund runs dry

The International Monetary Fund has exhausted the $3,000m (£1,300m) in its trust fund set up in 1976 to help Third World countries. Future repayments will be used to finance aid.

Jobs cash plan

France and West Germany plan to float a joint loan on the European capital market to finance a programme to fight unemployment in the two countries.

$40m loan to Turkey

The World Bank has announced a $40 (£18m) loan to Turkey to finance expansion of exports of fruit and vegetables.

Video tape expansion

In a two-year expansion plan, the 3M company in Britain is investing £3m to quadruple the output of video tape cassettes at Gorseinon, near Swansea.

Wall Street lower

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 1,007.11 down 3.90 on Wall Street yesterday. The $=SDR exchange rate was 1.21990 while the £=SDR rate was 0.551866.

Shipyard job cuts provoke Tyneside walkout and a challenge to chairman

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

British Shipbuilders faced mounting opposition last night over its plan for more than 600 compulsory redundancies.

About 200 workers at Tyne Shiprepair walked out in protest and Mr William Niven, national shipbuilding officer of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, called for Mr Robert Atkinson, the Shipbuilders' chairman, to "challenge the Government's monetarist policies or resign".

The walkout in the middle docks and engineering section of the Tyne yard, mainly by members of the Boilermakers' Society, came as 100 workers received formal redundancy notices.

Shop stewards from yards throughout the country are to meet in Newcastle on Monday to determine their formal response to the job cuts. The dismissals follow a restructuring programme under which about 2,000 employees have left the industry voluntarily.

Despite the exercise however, a surplus of 628 remains throughout the yards and the corporation has made it clear that compulsory redundancy is necessary.

As notices began to reach workers yesterday shop stewards at Govan and Yarrow on the Clyde held meetings at which they were given support for whatever stance the delegates take at Monday's meeting.


Mr Atkinson: Accused of ignoring unionss' advice.

Although heated opposition is bound to be expressed at the meeting particularly from yards most affected, which include Cammell Laird on Merseyside, it remains uncertain whether the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions (CSEU) is ready to give full backing to industrial action.

Thursday's meeting of the CSEU executive left it up to Monday's meeting to determine the first response. Although the CSEU is formally opposed to compulsory redundancies, union leaders are conscious of the financial constraints on BS, which is expected to lose £100m this year.

Although officially called by the CSEU, Monday's meeting is an advisory one and any decision on official resistance would have to be referred to the individual executives of the unions and to the CSEU executive itself.

Mr Niven of the technical administrative and supervisory section (TASS) told a meeting of Cylde shop stewards in Glasgow last night that Mr Atkinson had behaved like a little dictator. "Ignoring the advice of the CSEU, he is now insisting on compulsory redundancies."

Mr Niven said: "that TASS would be calling for action in opposition to any compulsory sackings" and said there had been a 20 per cent reduction in staff by voluntary means since 1977.

Mr Niven, whose union represents 7,000 white collar employees out of the total workforce of 70,000, said that because of exchange rate fluctuations the United Kingdom shipyards were at a 32 per cent disadvantage compared with the Japanese. "This is not an act of God but deliberate Government policy", he said.

Bank union threatens to spread disruption

By David Felton
Labour Reporter

The Banking, Insurance and Finance Union is threatening to disrupt bank business in pursuit of its pay claim despite acceptance of the employers' "final" 10 per cent offer by the rival Clearing Bank Union.

An emergency executive meeting of Bifu last night authorized a second round of industrial action involving about 8,000 staff in high street banks in several large provincial centres and the West End of London.

The decision on when to start the action will not be taken until after a meeting with the employers next Wednesday. Mr Leif Mills, the Bifu secretary, said that he had no doubt that a further meeting of the executive on Sunday week would launch the action if there was no improvement in the offer.

He also said that "the balloon will go up" if the employers decide to impose the 10 per cent offer on all staff as a result of acceptance by the Clearing Bank Union. That action could lead to the "breakdown of the banking system", he said.

The union executive agreed yesterday to ballot about 1,200 staff who work for a company in Southend which services the Access credit card operation. Their pay traditionally is linked to rates for clerical workers in the clearing banks, but so far the union has not received a response from the management to its 20 per cent claim.

It is thought that if the employers improved their offer to around 12 per cent by next Wednesday it would be sufficient to call off the action. But last night the employers appeared firm in their resolve not to offer more to Bifu than has been accepted by the 90,000 members of the Clearing Bank Union.

The staff to take part in the latest disruption, which comes after last week's two one-day strikes in the Barclays and Lloyds computer centres, have indicated in a secret ballot their willingness to take action, although it is understood that the majority was quite narrow.

The action will take the form of 24-hour strikes coupled with a work to rule and overtime ban. Areas to be hit outside London include Lancashire, Yorkshire, the Midlands, and the West Country.

The union's executive also agreed in principle to hold a ballot of all 75,000 members in the five main clearing banks on much wider action if the second phase fails to produce an improved offer.

Mr Mills was scathing of the Clearing Bank Union's acceptance of the 10 per cent offer. The offer is linked to improvements in holidays

"If next Wednesday's meeting does not bring any improvement in the offer, then we are in for a very severe escalation of industrial action. I hope that wiser and more responsible counsels will prevail in the banks, and I hope that the more hawkish members who lurk in the labyrinths of the City of London, will be defeated", he said.

Sharp increase in wholesale prices shows US inflation still strong

From Frank Vogl
United States Economics Correspondent
Washington, April 3

Inflation in the United States is proving much more forceful than government economists expected. Figures out today showed a sharp rise in wholesale prices, which rose more rapidly in March than in any single month since last July.

Wholesale prices increased last month on a seasonally-adjusted basis by 1.3 per cent, after a 0.8 per cent rise in February.

Wholesale prices in the United States have increased by 10.5 per cent over the last 12 months, with the index now standing at 265.3 (1967 = 100).

The inflation figures are likely to cause concern in financial markets. Some analysts today suggested that the Federal Reserve Board could tighten its policies. Such fears were seen as being one of the reasons behind moves by numerous large banks to raise the interest rate they charge stockbrokers from 15½ per cent to either 16 per cent or 16½ per cent.

Government economists had expected a substantial decline in economic activity in the first few months of this year and more stable prices. However, the economy appears to be performing more vigorously, partly because of special discount schemes to increase car sales.

At the same time, the decision by President Reagan to decontrol oil prices immediately is having a big effect on the inflation statistics.

The Bureau of Labour Statistics pointed out that wholesale energy prices rose by 6.1 per cent last month. Petrol prices were up by 7.5 per cent and home heating oil prices ahead by 9 per cent.

Figures for semi-finished goods and crude goods pointed to a more moderate trend for inflation in coming months. Wholesale food prices actually declined by 2.6 per cent last month.

Most encouraging of all was a 1.3 per cent fall in the wholesale price of crude goods after a 2.9 per cent rise in February. The sharp downward movement of these prices will have an influence in due course on the trends of all wholesale and eventually consumer prices.

However, the employment statistics have shown little change in recent months. Last month's 7.3 per cent jobless rate compares with a rate of 7.6 per cent in March 1980. The trend is viewed as better than expected by government officials, but the overall figures mask to some extent the high levels of unemployment among certain groups.

Today's figures showed that unemployment among teenagers in America is now 19.1 per cent, and the jobless rate among blacks is 13.7 per cent against 6.5 per cent for whites.

$87,000m Reagan budget cuts backed

Washington, April 3.—The United States Senate has given President Ronald Reagan his first big legislative victory by overwhelmingly approving his plan to cut $87,000m (£38,670m) from federal spending over a three-year period.

With most Democratic Senators voting along with the Republicans, the final tally was 88 in favour of the budget cuts to 10 against.

The plan which calls for cuts of $2,300m this year, $36,900m next year, and $47,700m in 1983 now goes to the House of Representatives, where political commentators expect it will also be approved, though probably by a closer margin.

Observers considered that the present wave of sympathy for the President after the assassination attempt played a large part in the Senators unusually quick decision and the large majority. The vote came less than a month after Mr Reagan sent his final recommendations to the legislature.

Republicans, the majority party in the upper house, hailed the vote as "a historic turning point" in the battle for better control over Federal spending.

The spending cuts were fought in a bitter rearguard action by a handful of liberal Democrats, including Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, who accused the Government of a "cruel abandonment" of the poor.

More than 20 amendments were proposed to try to restore funds for social programmes such as food stamps, school benefits, and unemployment. All the amendments were voted down.—Agence France Presse.

Sterling dips by 2½ cents

By Our Economics Staff

Fears of possible Soviet intervention in Poland and higher dollar interest rates sent the dollar soaring on foreign exchange markets yesterday, though it closed below its best levels.

The pound slumped heavily against the dollar and also lost ground against continental currencies. Dealers said speculation of an early reduction in minimum lending rate may have unsettled sterling, which closed at $2.2055, down nearly 2⅓ cents from Thursday. The effective exchange rate, as calculated by the Bank of England, fell 0.6 to 99.5 (average 1975=100).

After a quiet morning in European trading, news of a further rise in the Federal funds rate and worse-than-expected United States wholesale price figures for March sparked off fresh dollar gains, to more than DM2.13 at one stage.

Profit-taking and possible intervention by the German Federal Bank late in the day brought the dollar below its best levels to close in European trading at DM2.1220, up 1.20 pfennigs from Thursday.

In London short term interest rates continued to ease, and the Treasury bill rate dropped for the third week running from 11.5 to 11.4 per cent.

Nissan in talks with components suppliers

By Clifford Webb
Midlands Industrial Correspondent

Senior executives from Nissan have started detailed negotiations with 80 British and European component manufacturers which will decide whether or not the Japanese motor group goes ahead with its plan to establish a £200m car plant in Britain.

Preliminary talks have been taking place in some secrecy. A United Kingdom component company executive said last night: "We are now getting down to the nitty gritty of prices, stability of delivery and quality."

Nissan gave the impression that the selection of a site for the plant and the starting costs were secondary to obtaining supplies of the right quality of components at competitive prices.

"It seems pretty clear that with a target of 80 per cent local content for their cars to be built in the United Kingdom the whole project will stand or fall on the response they get from component firms. In that respect most people seem to have forgotten that when Nissan refers to local content it is talking about supplies from the whole of the EEC. British firms face fierce competition," he added.

Preliminary talks have been conducted by Nissan Trading, the Brussels-based company which coordinates Nissan's imports into Europe. A more senior team has now taken over with the arrival in London this week of Mr Isamu Kawai, a Nissan managing director with a reputation as a start-up specialist. He is accompanied by nine colleagues.

For the past two days, Mr Kawai has been holding talks at the London headquarters of GKN. Next week he will meet Automotive Products and Associated Engineering representatives.

A target of six weeks has been set for the completion of the present round of talks.

Detailed drawings, specifications and quotation forms have been prepared in English and will be presented to would-be-suppliers during this period with a request that particular attention be given to lead times.

Mr Kawai is emphasizing in his talks that the information required is only for a feasibility study and only if the project goes ahead will selected suppliers be asked to give firm quotations. In view of the two to three years' time span for the project, components companies are at present being asked only to give indications of their prices in 1983.

Decision deferred on THF bid for Savoy

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarke
Financial Editor

A decision on whether Trusthouse Forte should be allowed to proceed with its scheme of arrangement bid for the Savoy Hotel has been deferred until next week.

Yesterday both sides appeared before the High Court Registrar and it was agreed, without detailed submissions being made, that the matter should be adjourned so that a ruling could be given by a judge.

Counsel for Trusthouse and the Savoy apparently were anxious that the matter should be decided before the Easter law vacation, and it is probable that a judge will consider the matter next week, possibly on Thursday.

It is the first time that a contested bid has been pursued under the scheme of arrangement provisions of section 206 of the Companies Act.

The effect, should Trusthouse win a favourable decision in the courts, is that it would call meetings of both the "A" and "B" shareholders in the Savoy.

Trusthouse knows that if it were able to win the approval of shareholders with 75 per cent of the "A" shares in the hotels group for its £58m bid, it would have 51 per cent of the total votes and thus control of the Savoy group.

However, it is recognized in the stock market, where the value of the Savoy's "A" capital stands some £5m above that at present offered by Trusthouse, that if Trusthouse is given the go-ahead by the courts, others would be open to follow the same route with a counterbid.

Sir Maxwell Joseph's Grand Metropolitan group is known to be watching the situation carefully, and has indicated that the price now being offered by Trusthouse is less than it would offer should it decide to counterbid.

An alternative is that the Savoy itself, together with Barings, its advisers, may be talking to companies who would be considered more acceptable to the Savoy board should it become inevitable that control, presently held through the "B" capital, would have to be relinquished.

£2,340m offshore gas pipe 'ready by 1985'

By Bill Johnstone
Industrial Staff

Britain's 705-kilometre North Sea gas pipeline, now estimated to cost £2,340m, is expected to be in operation by early 1985.

This was disclosed in the latest report on the progress of the planned pipeline given to delegates from the oil and chemicals industry at a seminar in London yesterday.

The pipeline organizing group made up of representatives from British Gas, Britsh Petroleum and Mobil Oil, along with Sir Jasper Hollom, financial adviser to the group, presented a number of reports at the seminar.

The new plans reveal that the proposed pipeline has been shortened at its southern end and now only goes at far as the Lomond field instead of Fulmar. The southern section bore will be increased from 22 to 24 inches.

The pipeline now expected to come on line by early 1985 will have 11,000,000 million cu ft of gas available with the possibility of exploiting a further 10,000,000 million cu ft to 12,000,000 million cu ft.

It is still expected to land the gas from the offshore fields at St Fergus where outline planning consent has already been granted by the local authority.

The junction between the 210-kilometre off-shore section to St Fergus, the 345-kilometre northern section and the 150-kilometre shortened section, is now to be joined by an undersea junction instead of a platform, as previously suggested.

Such an arrangement will enable the pipeline to carry 1,550 million cu ft of gas a day by 1990 91. Britain's average consumption is about 5,000 million cu ft a day.

The crucial question still to be answered about the pipeline is how it will be financed and who will take part in the scheme.

Finance Bill sets out aid for small business

By Our Financial Staff

Details of the Government's scheme for encouraging investment in new small companies were set out yesterday with the publication of the Finance Bill.

Under the scheme, which was first announced in the Budget three weeks ago, individual investors will be able to claim full tax relief on the money that they put into new companies.

The Finance Bill also gave details of the measures against tax avoidance which were outlined in the Budget, including proposals for action to close the loophole used by the Vestey family, and proposals for the taxation of sick pay provided by employers or out of insurance schemes funded by employers.

Under the new business start-up scheme, relief against tax (at the investor's highest marginal rate) will be given where an individual subscribes between £1,000 and £10,000 in any one tax year. This will be for newly issued shares in companies which have been formed within the past three years.

However, the relief will be available only to an outside investor (or to a director providing that he does not receive fees for his services), who must not hold more than 30 per cent of the shares in the company or have effective control of it.

Moreover, the company must be involved in a trade which is not merely new (this is designed to prevent existing owners from transferring their businesses to new companies with a view to attracting such investment), but also "qualifying".

The "qualifying" trades exclude dealing businesses (including wholesale and retail distribution), leasing, financial activities and activities connected with land (such as farming and forestry). They also exclude "hobby" business which are not carried on with a view to making profits.

The investment must be maintained in the business for at least five years, and the Treasury admitted yesterday that there might be problems for the investor who wanted to realize his investment, although a clause in the new Companies Bill enabling companies to buy their own shares may ease the difficulty.

Because the scheme breaks new ground—there is no known parallel anywhere else in the world—it has been introduced initially for three years only, starting on April 6. At a "rough guess", the Inland Revenue estimates that it may cost £50m in a full tax year.

Two clauses of the Finance Bill deal with the problem revealed when the House of Lords dismissed the Inland Revenue's contentions in the Vestey affair. The clause under which the Revenue attempted to charge the Vestey family, section 478 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970, was heavily criticized by the Lords.

As a result of their decision individuals who benefited from the transfer of assets abroad could not be taxed on such benefits if they had not been parties to the transfer. Under the new proposals such individuals will be liable to tax, if they are ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, on the amount or value of any benefit which they receive after March 10, 1981 (Budget day).

A second clause eliminates the anomaly in 1970 Act, under which the Inland Revenue claimed that it was possible to tax the same income several times over: and it alleviates other aspects of the rules which have been criticized for their harshness.

A further clause in the Bill provides for the taxation of sick pay provided at the employers' expense, but eliminates the tax charge previously levied on the premiums paid by employers for sick pay insurance for their higher paid employees.

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PRICE CHANGES

Rises

Anglo Am Corp	11p to 690p	Ranger Oil	25p to 675p
Expand Metal	11p to 61p	Rothmans "B"	12p to 70p
VT Holds	11p to 100p	Rustenburg	11p to 232p
DM Hldgs	17p to 254p	Watts Blake	12p to 200p
Pritchard Serv	13½p to 163p	Western Areas	12p to 309p

Falls

[illegible]	10p to 380p	Polly Peck	7p to 211p
Burmah Oil	7p to 134p	Rank Org Ord	10p to 198p
Burgess Prod	11p to 44p	Ricardo Eng	10p to 503p
[illegible]C	13p to 683p	SA Land	19p to 294p
Hawker Sid	10p to 324p	Tricentrol	14p to 282p

THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.98	1.90
Austria Sch	35.00	32.80
Belgium Fr	83.50	79.50
Canada $	2.67	2.58
Denmark Kr	15.40	14.60
Finland Mkk	9.50	9.05
France Fr	11.42	10.92
Germany DM	4.87	4.63
Greece Dr	116.00	110.00
Hongkong $	12.18	11.58
Ireland Pd	1.33	1.27
Italy Lir	2385.00	2285.00
Japan Yn	497.00	472.00
Netherlands Gld	5.39	5.13
Norway Kr	12.50	11.85
Portugal Esc	128.00	122.00
South Africa Rd	2.04	1.90
Spain Pta	194.00	185.00
Sweden Kr	10.65	10.10
Switzerland Fr	4.46	4.23
USA $	2.26	2.19
Yugoslavia Dnr	82.00	76.50

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

S African millionaire behind Rothmans link-up with US tobacco maker

Reynolds deal awaits the Rupert touch

Whatever business relationship may be established between British-registered Rothmans International and R. J. Reynolds Industries, America's largest tobacco company, Dr Anton Rupert, the South African tobacco and breweries millionaire, will, on past form, play a pivotal role—and then quietly fade into the background.

Dr Rupert, the one-time cigarettes salesman is often described as one of the world's most powerful but secretive industrialists. He is now in talks with Mr Paul Sticht, Reynolds' chairman, which could lead to a merger of Rothmans and Reynolds. That would create a £6,000m operation, only slightly smaller than the world's largest tobacco-based group, BAT Industries.

Rothmans is effectively controlled through the complicated Rupert empire, which comprises a network of companies around the world, with interlocking shareholdings, mostly involved in tobacco, brewing and distilling. A 44 per cent holding in Rothmans lies with Rothmans Tobacco Holdings, which in turn is controlled by the Rupert Foundation, based in Luxembourg.

The holdings company and the foundation are key components of the Rupert empire, as is the South African company, the Rembrandt Group—named after the painter, Dr Rupert being an art connoisseur.

Although the Rupert interests could command more, their voting rights in Rothmans International have been restricted to 50 per cent on the partnership pattern to be found in all the overseas companies with which Dr Rupert has connexions.

He is credited with saving many companies, with a strong guiding hand discernible at first. But once a company is on a rising trend, the Rupert formula has been to let the partner get on with it. At Rothmans International, few remember ever getting direct orders from Dr Rupert, who at 64, still spends a large portion of his business time flying round the world to check on his diverse interests

He regularly visits London, particularly because of his art and music interests, and he usually stays at the Savoy Hotel. Business acquaintances say he has changed little since his self-made beginnings selling Rothmans cigarettes in South Africa.

He bought local manufacturing rights from Rothmans to start up what is now claimed to be the fourth largest tobacco manufacturing group worldwide.

When in the early 1970s Rothmans International was created by putting together separate interests in Britain, West Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands—in all of which the Rupert empire had a share—Dr Rupert gained a reputation as a tough negotiator never afraid of going to the brink. It remains to be seen how far he will need to go with Reynolds.

Derek Harris

PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE 1

Building societies

Interest rate cartel on the way out?

Just how relevant are the recommended interest rates of the Building Societies Association? Every time a change is called for, the 36-strong BSA council deliberates the pros and cons of this or that investment or share rate and then spends just as long deciding what the matching mortgage rate should be. After that they all disperse to their offices and instructions go out about the rate changes.

But the interest rates that emerge in practice are often rather different. At the present, about half of all new mortgages granted are at a higher rate than the recommended mortgage rate of 13 per cent and the number of savings schemes and investment opportunities offering more than the recommended share of 8.5 per cent, are now almost beyond count. So what price the recommended rate structure?



Mr Leonard Williams, chairman of the Building Societies Association.

Mr Leonard Williams, chief general manager of the Nationwide Building Society and chairman of the association, grasped this particular nettle a couple of days ago. While other building society men are still defending the recommended rate structure, he said that the interest rate "cartel" seemed unlikely to stand up much longer under the pressure of external and internal competition.

In short, building societies are being caught in the pincer of competition—from the Government, with its enhanced National Savings schemes, and from the banks, with their mortgage business.

● Abbey National's own purpose-built homes, 24 houses in Tower Hamlets, are complete and occupied. They were built by the Abbey Housing Association, an independent body sponsored by Abbey National, to provide a mixture of privately rented and owner-occupied housing in inner-city areas.

Offers

New gilt unit trusts are still being launched. The latest, on offer this weekend, is Legal and General's Gilt Unit Trust. Also on offer in the realm of high interest funds is Arbuthnot Securities' Preference Share Fund.

At the other end of the spectrum, Framlington Unit Trust Management is recommending its Capital Trust, while both London Life Assurance, a leading non-commission paying life office, and M & G Group are promoting a comprehensive range of services and products.

Taxation

Finance Bill sheds light on your perks

At about 10 yesterday morning two grey copies of the Finance Bill thudded on to our desks. Immediately, we started picking our way through it, clause by clause, to see what pleasant or nasty surprises the Chancellor had slipped in which were not clear from his Budget statement.

No doubt, over the next few weeks other nuggets of information will be discovered and the tax avoidance industry will start the annual process of looking for meanings that the parliamentary draftsmen could never have dreamt were in the legislation.

Meanwhile, here are some points from the Bill which were not clear in the Budget proposals.

Company cars: from 1982-83 there will be a new extra cash equivalent for higher paid employees and directors for the private petrol provided by an employer. The amounts will be the subject of a Treasury Order and the Inland Revenue is now canvassing opinions on how this benefit should be assessed and the ways in which tax should be deducted by employers.

Credit Tokens: these are basically credit cards and any expense incurred by an employee via a company credit card will be treated as part of his taxable salary. This will include not only services and goods and so on, but also any service charge or interest. So it will be important to make certain that your employer pays your company credit card bills on time.

Sickness Benefit Schemes: all sickness payments made by employers are to be taxable as earned income. This stops the operation of one particular sickness benefit insurance scheme.

But for higher paid employees there is good news about permanent health insurance schemes in general. The premiums on any permanent health insurance scheme will not now be taxable as benefits in kind. Before, if the employee had the benefit as of right, rather than at his employer's discretion, the premium was a taxable benefit.

Season Tickets: as we already knew from the Budget, season tickets bought for use by employees earning less than £8,500 a year are to become fully taxable perks from April 6, 1982. However, in the small print of the Bill, the Revenue is requiring employers to report which employees have received season tickets in 1981-82.

Investment in new trading companies: the much vaunted income tax relief for investment in trading companies is set about with so many restrictions that one must seriously question its usefulness. The prohibitions are much worse than even the Budget statement indicated.

The £10,000 a year upper limit on the total value of these investments applies to single people or jointly to married couples (yet another reason to stay unmarried). The scheme seems really to apply only to non-financial service businesses or to manufacturing and even this last is open to some doubt because there is a prohibition on "dealing in goods" as a substantial part of the trade.

Not more than a total 30 per cent of the capital of a company can qualify for this particular tax relief. Moreover, no individual investor who claims the relief can control more than 30 per cent of the capital directly or indirectly and this includes any loan made to the company.

So, if the company got into trouble and required capital, no one with 30 per cent of the shares, or approaching that level, who had already received the tax relief could put more money in by way of, say, loans without losing their relief.

It also appears that the business must be a new trade for the controlling shareholder. He must not control any other trade of the same kind or serving the same markets.

So anxious are the authorities to create pristine new businesses, that they clearly reject giving any help to the kind of investor who might already have been tempted to take a chance—very often these would be members of the businessman's own family. Nor do they seem to want people to enter businesses in which they already have some experience.

Capital Gains Tax: The Finance Bill tries to plug a loophole which appeared as a result of last year's capital gains tax legislation. When a person made a gift, any capital gain arising could be held over until the donee disposed of the gifted asset. An obvious ploy was for the donee to go abroad, become non-resident and then dispose of the asset free of CGT.

The Bill therefore contains a provision covering *all* gifts made after April 5, 1981, where there is a held-over gain and the donee emigrates and then disposes of the asset within six years. His gain, of course is not taxed, but the held-over gain would be subject to CGT and the Inland Revenue can look to the donor for the tax.

So, if you are making a gift and holding over the CGT in this way, make sure that you can get the tax off the donee if he skips abroad—or at least get some kind of indemnity. If you can manage to squeeze in a gift in the next 24 hours, it will escape this particular provision.

Capital Gains Tax and Overseas Trusts: In general, the CGT position of overseas trusts seems to have been relaxed to some extent in marked contrast to the income tax provisions introduced in another part of the Bill. Broadly speaking, the old rule was that overseas trust gains could be divided up among the United Kingdom beneficiaries. Now, basically, the beneficiaries will be taxed according to the extent that they receive capital from the trust.

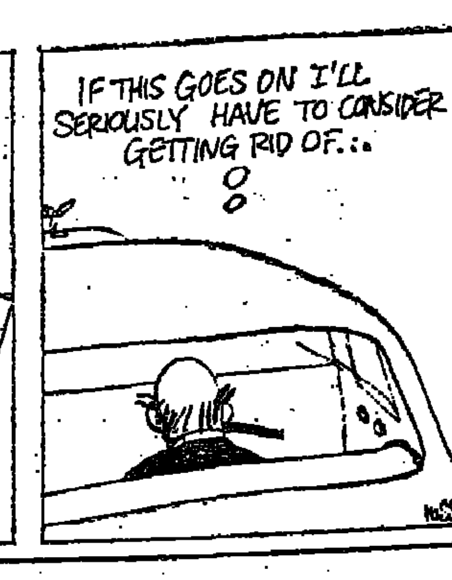
Every year the gains of an overseas trust will be calculated as if they are subject to United Kingdom tax and then carried forward to following years. These accumulated trust gains become chargeable only when the beneficiaries receive capital distributions from the trust or to the extent that they have already received capital which has not been subject to CGT.

Danby Bloch and Raymond Godfrey

HOFF of HEYBRIDGE HEATH









Double or quits

'Cresting' into the unlisted market

I accept the verdict of the stock market with the same wisdom that Canute showed on the beach, but only sometimes do I agree with it. Now is one of those times.

Just before the Budget I wondered aloud whether our monetarist lawyer-Chancellor, known for sticking to his brief, would rise to the occasion, and for all the good he did he might have sat still and said nothing.

But the market took this minor episode in its stride. It knows that company profits are among the first things to rise (and rise fast) when the business cycle turns and it also knows that the Government has no intention of losing the next election. It is already nearly two years old.

Personally, I think that this market has in *FT* index terms that 600 look about it, but nothing, I hasten to add, goes up or down in a straight line. All right, all right, you have heard that before. But it is true, so hear it again.

	Buying price	Price now	Date bought	Action
Winners				
Westland	47½p	144p	1.12.79	hold
M. J. Gleeson	61p	91p	17.1.81	hold
Vickers	162p	173p	7.3.81	hold
Loser				
Myson	50p	40p	6.9.80	hold

Our four outstanding gambles are behaving so well that I am tempted to say that there is nothing to report, but that phrase has a slightly suspect ring since Mussolini used it to cover his defeat at the hands of the Greeks. However, the little table speaks for itself and I counsel you to continue holding them all.

You could also consider another stock, Crest International Securities. No, this is not for those who stick to the highways. Yes, it *is* for those who occasionally explore byways and on the stock exchange that means the unlisted securities market.

This is, I should warn yo[u] market where shares are li[...] but where companies [...] small, official information sometimes sparse.

Crest is a way of betting [on] two men, Tom Farmer [and] Alec Stenson, the chaps be[hind] the stock market high [...] Kwik-Fit (Tyres & Exhaust[s]). [In] February their fledgling p[rop]erty outfit, Crest, got its q[uote] (at 14½p) and the shares [are] now 18½p. Net assets are [...] 10p a share, so we are bet[ting on] what the duo will do by [...]ing off smart deals. Good l[uck].

Peter Wainwrig[ht]

Reinvesting 'frozen' pension contributions

In 1970, at the age of 42, I changed my employment. My contributions to two earlier pension funds were earning 3 per cent per annum. My present employers were unable to arrange a transfer so I decided to withdraw my frozen contributions and reinvest them in guaranteed investment bonds.

For example, I purchased a 20-year deferred annuity with Noble Lowndes (now part of the Hill Samuel Group) for £500. At the age of 62, in June, 1990, I shall be able to choose between an annuity of £229 per annum guaranteed for five years or a cash option of £2,325. At present I have no immediate need of the capital which I invested in bonds. If I were to withdraw it now I would receive 95 per cent of the original investment plus 40 per cent interest per annuity.

Inflation is rapidly eroding the value of the annuity which I envisage would make a small but significant contribution to my eventual retirement pension.

Is there anything I can do to improve the return on this investment or should I retain it until it matures? (JWS, Northampton).

From the details you provide it would seem that the terms on withdrawal of your bond now are significantly less favourable than you would enjoy if you left it to run its full course. This means that you would have to earn a high yield on any alternative investment to make it worth while. The further interest rates fall, the more difficult it becomes to achieve this.

The comparison may be complicated by tax considerations, too, and you will need to bear this in mind.

You will be able to obtain information about the alternative investments available from an insurance broker, since the size of your investment restricts you to insurance company bonds or unit trusts. If you do not have a contact with a broker, you can obtain information about registered brokers in your area from the British Insurance Brokers Association (tel: 01-623 9043).

I would be interested to have your comments on the following occurrence.

Some weeks ago my husband and I agreed to invest £7,000-£10,000 in American currency. We shall need this (to us) substantial amount in mid-April. While in our bank, I was quoted 20¾ per cent fixed for four months (dollar rate 2.303). I gave signed instructions for investing £10,000, and proceeded with my shopping.

However, it transpired that the bank had made a mistake; after buying the dollars, our local bank found that 20¾ per cent applied to one month money. They accordingly rang my husband at home, and he agreed to the correct rate of 18¾ per cent.

Could we have held the bank to the original signed and agreed bargain? (JC, Kent).

If the bank clerk actually offered you the higher interest rate and your signed instructions constituted an acceptance of that offer then at that point a legally binding agreement came into existence. So prima facie the bank is obliged to pay you the rate of interest originally quoted.

However, it is likely that the bank would insist that what their clerk told you was not intended as an offer but that your signed instructions constituted the legal offer. If your discussion with the bank clerk amounted merely to preliminary negotiations, then the bank was not obliged to accept your offer contained in your written instructions. In this case their telephone call amounted to a rejection of your offer coupled with a counter-offer for interest at a lower rate which it appears your husband accepted.

Another possible bar to a legal contract coming into existence would arise, if you were aware the bank clerk had made a mistake in quoting the higher rate. If so you would not be entitled to accept *his* offer.

Readers' Forum

This specialist readers' service has been compiled with the help of Ronald Irving, Joan Drummond and Tony Foreman

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My parents are old age pensioners living in Scotland. As my father retired late, his state pension is rather higher than the standard rate. They are planning to go and live permanently in France. Can you tell me whether their British pension would be payable direct to them in France or whether, once they have residence permits, there is any reciprocal Common Market arrangement that will entitle them to French benefits? (JW, London SW13.)

Your parents should write to the Department of Health and Social Security Overseas Division (Newcastle upon Tyne NE98 1YX), giving details of what they intend to do. The DHSS will then arrange to pay the pension directly to them in France.

As they are retiring to France, your parents will also enjoy the annual increase in their pension linked to the rise in the retail price index. Pensioners who retire outside the EEC boundaries are often excluded from this benefit—for example those lured by the sunny beaches of Australia, New Zealand or South Africa.

Can a person use his walking stick to ward off an attack, if for example, he is being mugged? I asked this because my younger son (who is well over six feet tall) took the only job he could get after failing his university entrance and is now a uniformed "security guard" at a dance hall—in other words what we used to call a "bouncer".

Naturally, I was very worried when he mentioned that a colleague had been threatened by a drunken man with a bottle and I advised him to carry a baton in the pocket of his trousers to protect himself. His employers, however, forbid him using anything for his defence. This seems hardly fair, as I understand that security guards are allowed truncheons as part of their uniform. Would you care to comment? (DM, Doncaster).

The carrying of an offensive weapon in a public place (such as the street or in a dance hall or even behind the counter in a shop) was made an offence by the Prevention of Crimes Act, 1953. Only where there is lawful authority (as in the case of the police) or reasonable excuse does possessing a weapon cease to be an offence.

Your son would find it hard to establish reasonable excuse. The courts have already stated that a security guard may not carry a weapon even a[s a] matter of routine or as par[t of] his uniform or as a deterr[ent]. Your son would have to s[how] that there was "an immi[nent] threat" to himself—for e[xam]ple, that he reasonably fe[ared] that a person who had alr[eady] threatened violence was li[kely] to return. However, if your [son] was attacked, he would be [enti]tled to pick up any object [close] at hand—a stick for examp[le]—to deter or ward off [his] attacker.

As a member of the pu[blic] you may certainly use ag[ainst] an attacker an article you [have] with you for lawful purp[oses] such as an umbrella or wal[king] stick, provided that its us[e is] limited to self-defence.

The house in which I live is [...] related and the Inland Reve[nue] has agreed that it comes wi[thin] section 33 (4) (a) & (b) [of the] Finance Act 1977.

In June, 1973, I purchas[ed a] house which is my only main residence but is let p[end]ing my occupation in [due] course. I am, however, con[tem]plating selling the house [in] order to buy another and I [am] not clear as to whether the [ex]emption from capital gains would apply to the whole of [the] increase in value or only on part of the gain deemed to [have] occurred since July 31, 1978.

I should be most gratef[ul if] you could clarify the posi[tion] for me (LHB, York).

I am afraid that the exe[mp]tion is only available for per[iods] after July 31, 1978. The ov[erall] gain will be apportioned o[n a] time basis, so that if, [for] example, you were to sel[l in] July 1981 the chargable pro[por]tion would be approxima[tely]

$$\frac{61 \text{ months}}{97 \text{ months}} \text{ times the ove[rall] gain.}$$

Spending

The way the money goes

In Mr MacMillan's immortal words, we have never had it so good. That, at least, is the conclusion to be drawn from the National Incomes and Expenditure accounts for the fourth quarter of 1980, which were published last week.

They showed that total personal income before tax rose by 18 per cent during 1980 and that, even after allowing for inflation, personal disposable income rose by 2 per cent in the year. So, whatever the pundits may say about recession, de-industrialization and impending economic collapse, most of us, it seems, are still doing very nicely.

Well, of course, there are lies, damned lies and statistics; and the elusive Mr Average who emerges from these figures probably bears no relation to any human being known to you or me—such as not only old Joe down the road, who was sacked last year and is now trying to make ends meet on supplementary benefit, but also old George over the hill, who left his job with an £80,000 handshake last week and whose contribution to the national accounts over the next two months—the cruising season—will take the form of "expenditure abroad".

And what about young Eleanor, who found herself her first job at £7,000 a year three months ago and is feeling quite unreasonably rich, and not-so-young Marianne, whose pay rose by 50 per cent two years ago but by only 5 per cent last year. She is starting to feel quite disagreeably poor.

Mr Average is still basking in the memory of a 15 per cent rise in his real disposable income between 1977 and 1979; but his feet started turning cold roughly half way through 1979 and they have been getting colder since. Hence the rise in the savings ratio, from an average of 14.1 per cent in 1979 to an average 15.3 per cent last year. In the third quarter of the year it was as high as 17.1 per cent.

Mind you, that savings ratio, rather like the existence of Mr Average, has to be taken with a pinch of salt. It looks as though it represents the results of long, detailed and deep research into the nation's bank and building society deposits—but no such thing. All it represents is what is left over after all the known items of expenditure have been extracted from personal income after tax.

So what was the Average family spending its money on in 1980? Compared with those for 1970, the figures make fascinating reading. It was a decade in which, intermittent economic crisis notwithstanding, disposable incomes rose by 30 per cent in real terms and, as might be expected, that left people with a lot more money for the joys, as opposed to the necessities, of life.

So Mr and Mrs Average and family spent only 17.6 per cent of their income on food in 1980, as opposed to 20.6 per cent in 1970—and that even though they developed more expensive tastes (spending on food, in real terms, rose by just over 5 per cent over the decade).

Spending on housing, reflecting higher mortgage rates and council rents, went up by a whopping 18.5 per cent, but it still represented only 14 per cent of the Average family's expenditure in 1980, as opposed to 14.5 per cent in 1970. The Averages spent less of their income on fuel and light, too (4.2 per cent against 4.8 per cent in 1970).

Where did all the extra income go? Well, it went on wine, women and song.

You can see why the Chancellor felt he might without undue injustice put a few bob on a bottle of wine and a few more on a bottle of spirits, when you look at the pattern of expenditure on alcohol over the past 10 years. As against the 6.3 per cent of Average income which it absorbed in 1970, by 1980 it took 7.5 per cent—reflecting a rise in spending in real terms of almost 50 per cent.

Expenditure on clothing and footwear went up in real terms by more than a third, to absorb 8.7 per cent of the Average family's income, as against 7.9 per cent in 1970. Unfortunately, there is no breakdown for 1980 yet, but in 1979 laundries and dry cleaning establishments took no less than £199m; and a mind-boggling £677m was spent on hairdressing, manicure and beauty care.

As for the song, in real terms expenditure on radio and electrical goods more than doubled over the decade, and by 1980 it was absorbing 3.15 per cent of the Average family's income, as opposed to only 1.6 per cent in 1970. (Is this a case of fiddling while Rome burns?)

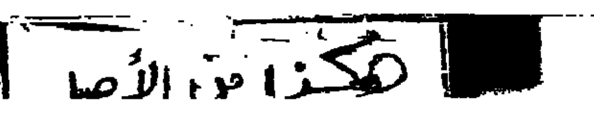
Spending on cars and motor cycles, in contrast, has been going up and down like a yo-yo all the way through the decade (by the final quarter of 1980 it was lower, in real terms, than at any time during the preceding three years).

There is one vice, however, to which greater money has not given greater rise and that is smoking. Expenditure on tobacco has not risen at all, in real terms, and it now absorbs only 3.8 per cent of the Average family's income, as opposed to 4.6 per cent a decade ago. The money may still disappear like water, but at least no more of it (in real terms) is going up in smoke.

The question now is whether alcohol is to go through the same sea change. In real terms expenditure on wines and spirits was lower in the final quarter of 1980 than in the corresponding period of 1979; and while this is not unusual in a recession, so was the expenditure on beer. This is so unprecedented that even the solemn statisticians of the Central Statistical Office felt obliged to note the fact.

In real terms, spending on the cinema has halved over the past decade. Is the pub to become an anachronism too? And what will that do to our standard of living?

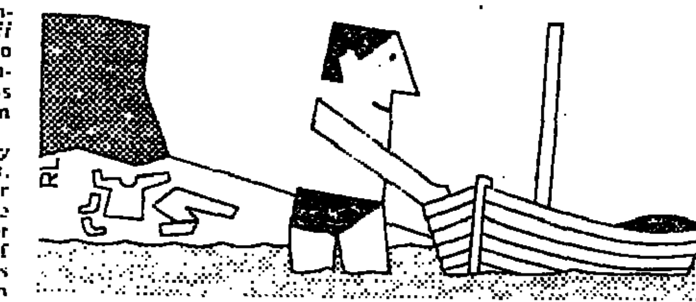
Adrienne Gleeson



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Insurance

When companies take a tough line on claims



It is not only the cost of insurance to replace income while you are sick, or to pay out at your death, which matters. What is also important is whether the insurance company will settle a claim in a straightforward way. As with other forms of insurance, cheaper insurers are often obliged to take a tougher line when a claim is made.

If, for instance, you are arranging permanent health insurance to provide an alternative income in case you are off work for along spell owing to accident or sickness, the insurance may appear to fuss about your health and even asks questions about your job.

In the long run, it is likely to be in your best interest. After all, it is much better for an insurer to sort out at the start the people it will accept and then to err on the side of generosity. The alternative is for an office to be none too choosy at the outset, but to have plenty of small print to which it can turn for help when a claim is made.

Quite often with permanent health insurance there are borderline cases and you want to be as sure as possible at the outset that you will be given the benefit of the doubt.

Permanent health insurers have sometimes found that an employee or controlling director of a small business has been paid by his business while he has been unable to work. Obviously, it is not sensible from many points of view (except for the individual concerned) for somebody to be able to make a "profit" from long-term illness. To overcome that, some permanent health insurers say that continuing income must be taken into account in calculating the maximum benefit.

This is not an attempt to cut back the amount payable when a claim is made, but simply to make the position clear so that the right arrangements can be made at the outset and a premium is not paid for a level of benefit which it might not be possible to have.

There are not quite the same problems with life assurance: after all, somebody is either alive or dead. Since suicide is no longer a criminal offence, a policy provides cover unless there is a specific exclusion.

For instance, a policy may sometimes be voided if a claim results from a suicide within a year of the policy being arranged, although even then a genuine third party with an interest in the policy (of which the life office was aware) would probably be paid.

If somebody simply disappears, it is not a foregone conclusion that he is dead. He may have wanted to escape the law or his own family.

He may also have made his disappearance look like an accident. For instance, bundles of clothes have sometimes been left on the beach, to give the impression that their owners have been swept out to sea. Insurers appreicate that that does not necessarily mean that a person is dead.

After nothing has been heard of a person for a long time, evidence may be given by those most likely to have heard from him and the court may presume that he has died. Or, given less than complete evidence of death, a life office may be prepared to pay out, if there does not appear to be anything suspicious about the case.

Some life claims are turned down, but generally only where an office finds that a policy was obtained by false pretences, such as the deliberate non-disclosure of a material fact relating to somebody's health or medical history when the policy was arranged.

Fortunately, that is very rare, especially now that cover can be provided in some form for those suffering from a wide range of ailments. The reasons for arranging life assurance are in any case generally too important to risk the rejection of a claim.

John Drummond

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Banking

Personal customers back in favour

The proposed merger between Standard Chartered and Royal Bank of Scotland, and its sister bank Williams & Glyn, is the biggest realignment in British banking for more than a decade. After the merger the group will be on par with Midland and Lloyds in terms of size, but still well short of Barclays and National Westminster.

The two banks are ideally suited for marriage. While Standard Chartered has an international bias but wants to build up its United Kingdom base, so Royal Bank of Scotland, predominantly a domestic bank, not only fits the bill but is also keen to expand its overseas side.

The banks say that it is too early yet to discuss details of the expected push into retail banking, a field that over recent months has become very competitive. The personal saver—for years the poor relation of the corporate sector in the banking world—is now being wooed by the banks, building societies and the Government alike.

While overseas banks have long been envious of the profitability of United Kingdom retail banking compared with their own, British banks have tended to ignore this area with the result that their market share of personal sector deposits fell from 35 per cent in 1965 to just over 30 per cent at the end of 1979. Building societies on the other hand have seen their share of this particular market almost double over the same period from 25 per cent to 48 per cent.

But that is not the only area where banks were missing out. About half the adult population of Britain, some 11 million people, do not have bank accounts.

Last year, the major banks decided that the erosion of their market share must stop and they set about reestablishing themselves as a home for personal savings by revamping their old schemes and introducing new ones. Then last autumn the Committee of London Clearing Bankers, the high street bankers' club, set up a special subcommittee with the long-term objective of promoting the merits of banking and encouraging those paid weekly in cash to switch to monthly payments into bank accounts.

Rather than simply running current and deposit accounts, the banks introduced schemes last summer offering better rates of return for those willing to tie their money up for certain lengths of time. With the older investor in mind (who because of his tax position would prefer a bank to a building society) the banks offered fairly short-term investments for money on deposit which needed three or six months notice of withdrawal.

The major banks all report that their schemes have been "successful"—plain evidence that savers wanted a more comprehensive service from the banks—though they are unwilling to release figures to back this up. Competition for personal savings is getting stiffer and they do not want to give anything away which might help their competitors.

At the other end of the age scale, to entice the younger savers the big banks also introduced mortgage schemes on top of the variety of deals for students and school leavers. Young people tend to save with institutions that will eventually give them a mortgage and have therefore looked more to the building societies in the past. The mortgage terms now offered by the banks can look attractive in comparison with those of building societies, depending on how much you need to borrow.

Nor, it seems, are the banks willing to stop here. New schemes are on the cards, but once again—so as not to give anything away to their competitors—what form they will take is mainly wrapped in secrecy.

Lloyds Bank, however, has just revealed its new Special Savings Plan. Aimed at young savers, it pays a higher rate of interest than on the ordinary deposit account, if you are prepared to save at least £10 a month.

One withdrawal can be made every six months without losing the preferential rate of interest and account-holders are also eligible for a personal loan at preferential rates.

A similar yield is now available on the Coop Bank's Savewise scheme, also a regular savings plan with a minimum of £10 a month.

In designing new schemes, the big banks could well take a leaf out of Citibank's book. This American bank, through its United Kingdom subsidiary Citibank Trust, launched itself into the United Kingdom retail banking world last summer with a range of saving and loan facilities.

The aim was not to go for the "great unbanked", but rather to attract the financially sophisticated customer who was generally dissatisfied with the offerings of both banks and building societies.

At first, the bank converted seven of its branches in the Midlands to cater for this new objective image and intended to switch the remaining 34 during the next two years. But the reception was such that it has already converted all its branches, more than a year ahead of schedule.

More than three quarters of "Citibank Savings" account holders already have a bank account, but looked to this new force in the banking field to fill the gaps left by their own banks.

The most successful product run by Citibank is its Tandem account. Under this revolving credit account, you save a particular amount each month (minimum £10) and borrow back up to 30 times your monthly subscription at any time. If your account is in credit, the bank pays you interest, at present 10.5 per cent.

So far only two of the Big Four banks, Midland and Lloyds, offer this type of account, which can prove a marginally cheaper source of finance than a personal loan.

A flood of schemes designed specifically to compete with "granny bonds" will not come as a surprise. They are a protective measure, one already taken by some building societies. Such a scheme would mean an investment over some five years paying a guaranteed margin over the normal deposit account rate combined with easy let-out terms

Initial hopes that the windfall tax on banks announced in the Budget would lead to current account interest being paid has been dashed. Although the tax is a basic levy on non-interest bearing deposits the fact that it is supposedly a one-off payment gives no incentive to the banks to reduce this type of deposit by straightforward interest payments on their current accounts.

Sylvia Morris

Investor's week

Shares maintain their carefree climb

Eminent men in the Confederation of British Industry and elsewhere warned us that industry is sliding even deeper into recession. No fewer than 364 economists, nearly one for every day of the year, castigated the Government for piling deflation on recession: Wall Street boomed and our own stock market tripped light heartedly, possibly light headedly, and some say fantastically, from peak to peak.

Sensible men shook their heads at the way the *FT All Share* index of 750 shares, replete with well loved oils and financials climbed into unexplored territory. They gaped at the *FT* index of 30 stocks, stuffed with stricken manufacturers and now the market's recovery darlings, springing from 521.3 to 539.6, and they wondered at the way it gave every sign of brazenly kicking open the door marked 558.6 and dated May 4, 1979.

You may object that in the stock market sensible men are sometimes stupid. But when you come down to it, they have a point when they say that the explanation that the market is overlooking a dismal 1981 for companies to a cheerful 1982 is no explanation at all. Why does the market look no further than the end of its nose at the bottom of one of its cycles and up to a year ahead at its peak.

Let us look at the question from the other end of the telescope: what is going to bring the market down? Not, I suspect, gilt-edged. There is no shifting the expectation of cheaper money and, with longer dated gilts still yielding 13 per cent, and annual inflation going down to 8 per cent, government stocks remain inexpensive. As they grow dearer, equities become cheaper.

But there could be a technical correction. Striking civil servants have stopped the Government from collecting hundreds of millions in taxes. This uncollected money has in all probability found its way to the stock market.

If this lack of collection goes on for much longer, the Government could be forced to dump unwieldy lumps of gilt-edged or index-linked stock.

Another brake, and one almost certain to be applied, is a spate of cash calls from companies whose finance directors can hardly believe their eyes that their shares are riding so high. There are other companies to take over and essential capital spending to pay for.

Rights issue money has suddenly become very cheap. Next week in particular, should be interesting. Individuals will then be free of gains tax for another year. They will be tempted to take handsome profits.

None of these arguments, it seems to me, adds up to more than a hiccup. The one argument I do respect, without taking it on board—yet, is that the market anticipates the moment of fastest profits growth between nine months and a year ahead. If so, the toast is sell in June and go away.

PW

MAIN CHANGES OF THE WEEK

Year's high	Year's low	Company	Change	Comment
Rises				
362p	288p	Guardian RE	16p to 356p	Good prelim figs
336p	230p	Hawker Sidd	20p to 324p	Prelims April 15
204p	159p	Lucas Inds	20p to 202p	Recovery hopes
86p	64p	Northern Eng	10p to 88p	Nuclear power order
246p	174p	Reckitt & Col	32p to 244p	Prelims please
Falls				
68p	50p	Blue Bird	4p to 59p	Figs disappoint
22p	12p	BPC	3p to 16p	Reconstruction terms
116p	105p	Desoutter	4p to 112p	No int half time loss
20p	7p	Duport	2p to 10p	Reconstruction
26½p	19p	Weir Group	5p to 20½p	Fin package

PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE 2

Spring thoughts of portfolios

So the great panic is over. Fiendish Hongkong businessman Sir Too Non U has failed to contrive that life in the village of *Sticklepath as we know it* will never be the same again. And the *dea ex machina* was Poggles, the dachshund of the Baskervilles, who reinforced her claims for being psychic by causing him to fall head first into the Great Grimpen Mire and thus lose face in every respect.

It being spring, the thoughts of the Investment Club Committee have now lightly turned to a review of their portfolio. Curiously enough, while nobody was looking at it, it seems to have done rather well—a fairly typical testimony to the perversity of investment in general.

Readers will recall that the sum of £100,000 was invested by the club in January, 1980. Then, under the troubled management of merchant bankers, Wolfbane Lustwort, the value fell to £80,000 and thus below the bank's minimum limit. Since then, however, pottering along on its own, the portfolio has risen to its original level of £100,000 again.

Moreover, with the profit on the Great Rockall and Hongkong sale, plus all the dividends and interest that have accrued so far, there is now a total of £116,000 in the kitty.

The dread question of what to do with the income thus cannot be deferred any longer, so yet another row threatens to split the village. One school of thought is to follow the fashion and use the £16,000 to buy up the Dartmoor Globe and Argus, but there are few who relish a tangle with the Monopolies Commission on that account.

Meanwhile a running battle is continuing between Kevin Luddite, favouring a memorial to the Sticklepath martyrs who fell into the berry-chuntering machinery at Allied Elderberry in 1882—and in the blue corner, Colonel Rudolph Grog-Bevington, who urges the purchase of yet more Allied Elderberry shares in order to support the price.

However, a break-through has been made by Sam Spender and Brian Thrift, working in unlikely harness towards the new



with-it concept of supporting small industries. They have proposed that £20,000 of the £26,000 now on deposit should be used to set up a fund to back local entrepreneurs in setting up small businesses and that notices inviting applications should be posted in all villages within a ten mile radius.

At last week's committee meeting *Agatha Sibling* further suggested that the club's holding in Tiny Business Units, which does more or less the same thing only on a national scale, should be sold to boost the size of their own local fund. The proposal was accepted with great enthusiasm and the fund thus rose to £30,000.

Naturally, the alacrity with which all members of the committee endorsed this suggestion has not a little to do with the fact that every single one of them has his or her own pet scheme in the back of their mind, by which to benefit either by financial or indirect means.

So the jockeying for position among the sponsors of the various proposals will doubtless renew the intense in-fighting for which the village is justly famed and compared with which this passing sweetness and light is all too uncharacteristic.

Francis Kinsman

Unit trust performance

The tables show the value on April 1 of £100 invested 12 months ago (A) and three years ago (B), income reinvested and based on offer-to-offer prices.

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FINANCIAL

	A	B
Henderson Financial	174.5	266.2
Target/Invest Trust	155.5	187.6
Arbuthnot Capital	153.9	202.7
M&G/Fits	153.9	191.2
Hill Samuel/Financial	*149.9*	*182.6*
Nat West/Financial	149.6	161.2
S&P/ITU	149.6	173.7
Brown Shipley Finane	149.5	191.2
Barclays/Unicorn Fin	147.3	217.6
London Wall/Finance	147.0	181.9
S&P/Financial	146.2	148.4
Britannia Financ Secs	145.9	178.0
Schlesinger Prop Shs	144.6	215.4
Abbey/Invest Tst Fd	143.5	161.5
Practical	143.3	167.1
Arbuthnot Fin & Prop	142.5	165.9
Britannia Prop Shares	142.2	218.7
Britannia Unit Fd Inv	140.7	177.0
S&P/Scotbits	140.3	147.3
Schlesinger ITU	139.0	162.9
Target/Financial	138.1	182.9
James Finlay Inv Tst	136.1	169.1
Kleinwort Benson Fits	133.2	180.9
S&P/Internat Bond	121.5	—
Target/Preference	119.3	112.6
Target/Gilt Capital	118.3	118.4
Abbey/Gilt & Fix Int	116.6	—
Arbuthnot Preference	113.0	118.4
Craigmount Gilt	111.8	—
Fidelity Gilt & Fix Int	111.7	—
Arbuthnot Gt & Fx In	110.9	128.3
Henderson Pref & Gilt	110.7	—
GT World Bond Fund	109.6	—
Key Fixed Interest	107.7	104.2
ChieftainPref & Gilt	107.4	—
A. Harvey & Ross Gt	106.3	—
Schlesinger Pref & Gt	103.5	107.7
Abbey/W'wide Bond	102.5	—
Tyndall/Preference	100.0	126.6

GROWTH

	A	B
Target Special Sits	172.2	218.2
Gartmore British	169.8	197.8
Gartmore Special Sits	162.6	—
Fidelity Special Sits	161.3	—
Cabot Capital	160.7	188.1
Hill Samuel/Spec Sits	155.9	—
TSB Scottish	153.6	174.8
Nat West/Capital	151.5	184.5
Antony Gibbs Private	151.5	194.8
Brown Shipley Growth	151.1	190.1
GT Capital	149.8	218.8
Henderson/Cap Grow	149.3	242.3
Friends Provident Uts	148.8	184.5
Bridge Capital	147.8	208.1
Arbuthnot Growth	145.8	149.3
Schroder Capital	145.5	199.6
Barclays/Unic Accum	145.0	182.4
Buckmaster/Marlboro	144.5	155.1
M&G Conv Growth	143.6	230.4
Arbuthnot Giants	142.0	147.0
Schroder General	141.9	184.5
M&G/Compound Gwth	141.7	201.4
Schlesinger Nil Yield	140.7	147.4
Tyndall/Capital	140.4	175.4
Capel Capital	139.7	153.0
T&G/Vanguard Gwth	139.2	159.3
Stewart British Capital	138.5	172.4
Target/Professional	138.4	176.2
Pearl Growth	138.1	170.5
S&P/Capital	137.4	142.4
RHoyal Trust Capital	137.4	164.0
TSB General	137.0	166.4
M&G/Magnum	136.4	210.0
Target/Growth	136.0	168.2
A-Hambro/Accum	135.9	165.3
Nat West/Growth	135.6	144.3
Wieler Growth	135.3	158.8
Equity and Law	135.1	162.6
Choularton Growth	134.8	118.8
Carr Sebag Capital	133.8	159.7
Barclays/Unicorn Cpd	133.6	157.3
Baring Bros Stratton	133.2	167.3
Antony Gibbs Mk Lds	132.7	131.1
Hill Samuel/Capital	132.5	155.8
Perpetual Group Gwth	132.3	195.6
Gartmore Insce Ags	*132.1*	*157.0*
Midland Drayton Cap	132.0	145.9
New Court Equity	131.1	143.0
Abbey/Capital	130.9	148.3
London Wall Cap Gth	130.9	135.2
A-Hambro/Recov Sits	130.7	171.9
Framlington Capital	130.6	196.0
Manulife Growth	130.3	166.6
Bishopsgate Progress	130.2	180.5
A-Hambro/O'sea Earn	129.3	154.8
Tower Special Sits	128.9	—
Britannia Professional	128.7	210.8
NPI Growth	128.4	162.4
Antony Gibbs Growth	127.7	158.4
Antony Gibbs Accum	127.6	151.5
Ulster/Growth	127.2	130.3
M&G/Recovery	126.4	197.4
Britannia Growth	125.8	168.9
Craigmount Recovery	124.3	—
Barclays/Unicorn Rec	123.7	151.8
Britannia Cap Accum	122.9	167.1
Schlesinger Spec Sits	120.3	237.8
Britannia Special Sits	117.5	148.4
Antony Gibbs Tech	116.2	138.5
Britannia Assets	115.9	161.2
Henderson Recovery	113.4	—
London Wall/Spc Sits	109.9	136.9

INCOME

	A	B
Cabot Income	148.8	174.8
G T Income	145.6	172.6
Nat West/Income	138.8	149.8
Brown Shipley Inc	137.3	176.9
Prov Life/High Inc	134.9	183.1
Henderson/Hgh Inc	134.3	150.0
TSB Income	133.7	148.5
Henderson Extra Inc	133.5	139.5
Tower Inc&Grwth	133.4	—
Schroder Income	131.6	161.7
Britannia Inc&Grwth	130.7	134.8
Allied/High Income	129.4	149.9
L&C Income	128.4	151.0
Discretionary	128.0	180.3
Crescent High Dist	127.8	136.6
Perpetual Income	127.1	—
Cabot Smlr Cos Divs	127.1	133.7
Framlington Income	126.7	152.2
A-Hambro/Eqty Inc	126.3	153.1
Arbuthnot Hgh Inc	126.3	122.4
Rowan High Yield	126.0	138.8
Klinwrt Bnsn Hg Yld	125.9	—
Gartmore Income	125.7	147.4
Fidelity Grwth&Inc	125.6	—
Midland Drayton Inc	125.5	147.4
Barclays/Uni Income	125.4	154.8
Royal Trust Income	125.2	125.4
S&P/Select Income	124.5	141.6
Lloyds Income	124.4	143.9
Hill Samuel/Inc	124.1	131.4
Bridge Income	123.8	150.5
S&P/High Yield	123.5	125.5
S&P/Income	123.1	126.7
Jms Finlay Hgh Inc	122.9	130.2
S&P/Scotyields	122.9	129.1
Abbey/Income	121.8	134.1
Chieftain Inc&Grwth	121.6	—
Midland Drytn Hg Yl	121.3	134.8
Framlington Ex Inc	121.2	—
Schlesinger Income	121.2	141.3
M&G/High Income	120.8	143.5
Carr Sebag Income	120.8	130.5
Arbuthnot High Yld	120.6	116.1
Canlife Income	120.0	126.0
Pearl Income	119.7	142.6
Key Income	119.2	118.7
T&G/Wickmoor Div	119.0	137.3
Alben Income	118.7	147.9
Tyndall/Income	118.6	127.2
Mutual/Income	118.2	145.6
T&G/Vanguard Hg Yl	118.2	133.7
New Court Income	118.0	127.4
Antony Gibbs Ex Inc	117.8	119.3
Gartmore High Ince	117.8	128.4
Mayflower Income	117.8	130.6
Mutual/High Yield	117.7	125.0
Brit Nat High Income	117.5	129.2
S&P/High Return	117.3	127.1
Target/Income	117.3	118.5
Tyndall/Scottish Inc	117.1	138.0
Hill Samuel/Hgh Yld	116.9	123.4
M&G/Dividend	116.9	144.4
Middle Mount Hg Inc	116.2	—
M&G/Con Income	*116.2*	*159.8*
Ansbacher Inc Mthly	115.9	119.0
Schlesinger Ex Inc	115.9	107.1
Arbuthnot Extra Inc	115.3	113.2
Lloyds Extra Income	115.1	129.1
Gartmore Ex Inc	114.8	—
M&G/Extra Yield	114.8	130.9
Grvson/Barr Hgh Yld	114.1	126.1
Great Winchester	113.6	127.5
Capel Income	112.7	131.8
Antony Gibbs Income	111.9	130.3
Barclays/Uni Ext Inc	111.8	131.1
British Life Dividend	111.5	109.8
Chieftain High Inc	111.4	116.4
A-Hambro/Hgh Yld	111.0	125.5
Craigmount Hgh Inc	110.7	—
Nelstar High Income	110.4	102.4
Carliol High Yield	109.5	116.7
Britannia Ext Inc	109.5	115.5
Nat West/Ext Income	108.9	110.8
M&G/Mid&Gen	108.4	124.3
Lndn Wall/Hgh Inc	107.5	99.9
Quilter/Quadrant Inc	106.7	120.8
Buckmaster/Cmbrlnd	105.7	126.0
Brown Shply Hgh Inc	105.5	107.0
Target/Extra Income	105.3	112.3
LondonWall/Ext Inc	98.4	92.0
Ridgefield Income	97.3	95.3
Choularton Income	88.9	—

GENERAL

	A	B
Schroder Small Com	166.9	—
MLA Trust	166.1	276.8
Britannia Status Ch	150.7	180.1
Rowan Merlin	150.6	222.5
Mercury General	145.6	208.4
T&G/Colemco	144.4	177.1
GT Four Yards Fund	142.8	133.8
Rowan Securities	142.8	191.1
T&G/Glen Fund	142.4	170.2
Allied/Capital	142.2	166.6
Barclaytrust Invest	140.5	161.1
B'clays/Uni Prof Ass	140.4	202.7
Arbuthnot Smler Cos	140.3	159.0
Guardhill	139.6	178.9
Grieve/Barr Sml Cos	139.4	—
New Ct Small Cos	138.9	197.7
Oceanic/Index	138.6	148.7
Allied/Growth & Inc	138.6	169.7
Leo Capital	138.4	185.7
Intel Smaller Cos	138.1	—
A-Ham/2nd Sml Cos	137.5	203.1
Norwich Un Gp Tst	137.4	163.5
Anderson	137.2	169.3
Tyndall/Inter Erngs	136.8	162.3
T&G/Wickmoor	136.5	162.3
Pelican Units	136.2	177.1
Lloyds Life Equity	136.1	174.1
Archway Fund	135.3	183.0
Hill Samuel/British	135.0	153.3
S&P/UK Equity	134.4	162.5
Quilter/Quad Gen	134.1	170.9
S&P/Scotshares	134.0	177.4
Reliance/Sekforde	133.9	135.8
Brown Shipley Fund	133.9	157.2
Abbey/General	133.7	149.5
Allied/First	133.5	169.2
M&G/Second	133.4	182.2
Lloyds Balanced	133.4	165.1
Britannia Shield	132.8	167.3
Grieveson/Barrington	132.8	179.4
B'clays/Unicorn Tste	132.6	163.8
Barclays Unicorn 500	132.4	164.6
Allied/E+I Devlpmt	132.2	167.2
G&A Units	132.0	163.4
Lloyds Sml Co & Rec	131.8	—
Schlesinger Mkt Ldr	131.7	153.6
Prudential/Prutrust	131.1	157.4
Scottish Equit Unit	131.0	150.1
Oceanic/Performance	131.0	146.2
Hill Samuel/Security	130.2	146.3
British Life	130.1	157.5
Target/Equity	129.9	163.2
Intel Inc & Growth	129.7	121.7
Buckmaster/Bucking	129.7	149.0
Crescent Reserves	129.7	151.0
M&G/General	129.6	167.0
Minster	129.2	156.7
Key Equity & Gen	129.1	163.2
Legal & Gen	129.1	186.8
Equitas Units	129.1	149.1
Pearl Trust	129.0	148.9
M&G Smaller Cos	128.9	201.3
Hender/Inc & Asts	128.9	155.4
Antony Gibbs Sml Co	128.8	134.9
B'clays/Unicorn Gen	128.5	165.0
A-Hambro/Sml Cos	128.5	203.0
Confed Growth Unit	128.5	188.8
Chieftain Small Cos	127.6	—
Key Small Co Fund	127.4	220.1
Northgate	127.3	—
M&G/Trustee	126.9	154.0
Klein Benson Sml Co	126.8	—
Allied/Brit Indus	126.8	150.0
Klein Benson Unt Fnd	126.7	163.8
T&G/Barbican	126.5	144.5
Nat West/Smal Cos	126.3	—
Canlife General	126.3	148.4
A-Hambro/Fund	125.9	155.3
Nelstar Trust	125.1	150.4
Nat West/Port Inv	124.9	136.3
Friars House	124.1	180.3
Alben	124.1	163.0
Ant Gibbs Int Earn	123.9	138.3
Mayflower General	123.7	131.9
Britannia Domestic	123.1	156.0
Vanguard Trustee	123.1	146.0
Family Fund	120.9	151.2
Brit Life Balanced	120.4	156.0
Mutual/Blue Chip	119.0	142.9
Rbt Fraser Unit Trst	118.4	156.3
Reliance Opportun	118.4	138.2
Trades Union Units	117.3	153.9
Britannia Com & Ind	116.5	141.2
Mutual/Secty Plus	115.0	131.4
College Hill	112.4	141.9
Brown Shipley Rec	97.8	101.5

OVERSEAS

	A	B
GT Far East & Gen	208.2	—
S&P/Sth East Asia	204.7	—
Schles Us Small Co	194.5	—
Mid Drayton Japan	188.6	—
Crescent Tokyo	188.0	—
Gartmore Far East	185.9	202.2
Henderson/Japan	183.6	156.9
Hend'son Am Sm Co	180.4	—
Britannia Far East	179.5	215.9
Target/Pacific	178.0	171.8
Chieftain Far East	177.6	—
Henderson/N Amer	175.7	170.3
M&G/Far Eastern	175.6	287.4
Chieftain Internat	174.6	223.5
Schlesinger Internat	174.2	203.8
GT Japan & General	173.1	173.3
Framlington Amer.	173.0	—
Barclays/Unic Aust	172.2	259.2
Grieveson/Endeavour	171.9	257.8
Bridge Amer & Gen	171.4	—
Gartmore American	171.4	173.5
Henderson/Internat	170.6	199.9
Crescent American	170.5	170.7
Henderson/Aust	169.5	322.4
Arbuthnot East & Int	169.5	208.4
Framlington US Turn	169.0	—
Fidelity American	168.4	—
M&G/Amer Recover	167.5	—
New Court Internat	165.9	174.7
Framlington Int Gth	165.8	216.3
S&P/Japan Growth	165.5	122.2
GT US & General	165.2	165.1
Intel Pacific	164.9	—
A-Hambro/Pacific	163.8	189.0
NPI Overseas	160.5	181.5
Gartmore Internat	160.4	190.2
Stewart Amer Fund	160.1	160.5
Schlesinger Amer	160.0	180.3
Lloyds Inter Tech	159.6	—
James Finlay Inter	158.9	193.4
GT International	157.5	240.2
S&P/US Growth	156.2	168.0
Rowan America	155.8	166.5
M&G/Australasian	155.6	271.6
Brown Shipley N Am	154.1	190.9
Hend'son/Pac Sm Co	152.2	—
Quilter/Quad Inter	151.0	—
Crescent Internat	150.4	159.8
Govett/Stockhlds	149.9	142.5
Britannia N Amer	149.7	169.7
Lloyds World Growth	148.9	187.3
Craigmount N Amer	148.6	—
Bridge Internat	148.5	186.0
Ridgefield Internat	148.2	154.3
Mid Drayton Over	147.8	142.1
Brit Inter Growth	146.6	171.7
Prov Life/Prolific	145.4	189.3
Mid Drayton Amer	145.3	116.7
A Gibbs F Est & Gen	145.2	193.0
A-Hambro/Sec of Am	144.9	171.2
M&G/Japan	143.8	125.5
Target Amer Eagle	143.8	170.8
M&G/American	142.9	161.2
London Wall/Inter	142.9	123.6
S&P/Univ Growth	142.5	162.5
Hill Samuel F East	141.3	—
S&P/Select Inter	141.1	165.8
Mercury Internat	140.8	171.9
Grieveson/Grant	140.5	153.5
Gt Winchester Over	140.1	168.6
Arbuthnot Foreign	139.9	174.0
Barclays/Unic Amer	138.2	131.5
Nat West/Univ Fnd	137.7	117.4
Arbuthnot N Amer	136.8	143.9
A-Hambro/Internat	136.6	150.0
Hill Samuel/Inter	135.7	130.6
L&C Internat & Gen	135.6	162.4
Bishopsgate Inter	134.3	190.8
Intel American Tech	134.3	—
Chieftain American	134.3	140.5
Barclays/Unic World	133.1	139.0
Hill Samuel/Dollar	133.0	139.5
Craigmount Can	132.9	—
Tyndall/N American	132.6	—
Grieveson/Lon&Brus	130.5	128.3
Choularton Internat	130.2	—
Antony Gibbs Amer	129.6	149.0
Mayflower Internat	129.4	—
Abbey/Amer Growth	128.2	—
Fielding Internat	125.8	—
Capel N American	123.2	—
Henderson/European	119.0	142.4
M&G/European	118.0	142.6
S&P Euro Growth	116.1	96.5
Sec Sel Univ Gr	115.6	148.4
Murray European	102.8	—
Schroder Europe	94.5	81.8

SPECIALIST

	A	B
Hendson/Oil&Nt Res	160.2	281.5
New Court Engy Res	157.6	226.5
Gartmore Commod	153.4	264.0
S&P Energy Indus	153.1	268.6
Arbuthnot Com Sh	145.9	213.2
Brit Commod Share	145.5	283.5
Brit Univ Energy	145.4	300.0
S&P/Commod Share	141.7	237.2
M&G/Comm & Gen	140.0	254.9
Chieftain Basic Res	137.2	274.1
Mid Drayton Com	136.8	213.8
Key Energy Indus	133.1	253.9
Target Commodity	132.5	244.0
Britannia Minerals	132.5	272.1
Britannia Gold & Gen	131.3	234.3
Allied/Mtls-Mn&Cmd	128.2	206.8
Tyndall/Natural Res	120.6	160.0

FINANCIAL NEWS

Stock markets

Gains clipped by profit taking

Equities made a nervous start yesterday, amid fears of a Russian invasion of Poland, but soon recovered on renewed institutional support.

Dealers remain optimistic that, despite next week's start to the new financial year, the *FT* Index will break through the record of 558.6 achieved on May 4, 1979.

Inspiration will also be sought from next week's banking figures, which optimists insist could signal the next cut in MLR.

One leading broker yesterday described business as still "vast" and it was clear that the institutions' confidence in the Government's economic policies remained untarnished. Nevertheless, in the wake of the previous day's advance, a certain amount of profit-taking was inevitable. So, having opened the day 1.9 down at 10 am and recovering to 1.0 up at midday, the index eventually closed 2.3 lower at 539.6—a rise on the account so far of 18.3.

A line of over 1¼m Vickers, which had been overhanging the market for some time was reported to have been cleared yesterday. The shares responded with a 3p rise to 173p.

Government securities, on the other hand, spent a quiet day recovering from earlier nerves about Poland, higher United States interest rates and the latest pay award to the electricity workers.

Longs recovered early falls, to close unchanged, while in shorts prices drifted by as much as £1/16.

Leading industrials closed lower, mainly on light profit-taking. Beechams slipped 2p to 182p, Hawker Siddeley 10p to 324p, Glaxo 6p to 318p, Unilever 3p to 513p, Dunlop 1p to 69p and Pilkington 7p to 306p, the latter on announcing 1,100 more redundancies. ICI held steady at 258p and Bowater hardened 1p to 242p ahead of figures next week.

The main talking point of the day was the news that Rothmans International was in talks with R. J. Reynolds. However, no terms were revealed, but Rothmans leapt 12p to 70p, while its subsidiary, Dunhill, added 3p to 228p.

News of an inquiry by the Office of Fair Trading into its merger [illegible] Bank of Scotland slip 2p to 132p with Standard & Chartered adding 3p to 657p. Elsewhere on the bid front, Savoy "A" dipped 2p to 200p, still awaiting developments and Trusthouse Forte eased the same amount to 226 Speculation that the new sugar quotas might force renewed terms from S. & W. Berisford benefited British Sugar, 8p to 301p and renewed bid hopes helped Howard Tenens, 2p to 63p.

The award of a major Middle East contract boosted Pritchard Services 13½p to 163p, with Johnson Group Cleaners 7 better at 220p in sympathy.

Profit-taking among insurance shares left GRE 6p lighter at 356p and Sun Alliance 3p [illegible]

Appleyard Group has ju[illegible] reported a near £1m loss, [illegible] dividend and a fall in net asset[illegible] But the shares rose 4p to new peak for the year of 5[illegible] before profit taking clipped them 2p yesterday. Recovery hopes apart, the impression persists of share accumulation which could lead to a bid.

846p, while in oils BP dipped 10p to 380p and Shell 6p [illegible] 372p.

Speculative attention a[illegible] helped Jamaica Sugar 9p to 2[illegible] Copydex 5p to 52p, Feedex [illegible] to 40p, Century Oil 7p to 7[illegible] James Cropper 10p to 113p a[illegible] Redfearn National Glass 12p [illegible] 183p, while stock shortag[illegible] lifted Mills & Allen 17p to 400[illegible] Equity turnover for April 2 w[illegible] £222.297m (bargains, 35,53[illegible]). Active stocks, according to t[illegible] Exchange Telegraph: Rothmans "B", Pritchard Services, Tho[illegible] EMI, Jamaica Sugar, Briti[illegible] Aerospace, GCE and Lasmo. Traditional options: Deale[illegible] reported increased activi[illegible] Calls were made in Fren[illegible] Keir at 6½p, Rothmans at 7[illegible] Firth Brown, Premier Oil a[illegible] Euroflame. Puts were arrang[illegible] in Tubes and Rothmans at 1[illegible] *Traded options*: Total contra[illegible] reached 1,793, with stro[illegible] demand for BP on 236, ICI [illegible] 256 and Imperial Group on 3[illegible]

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Arcolectric (F)	4.04(4.13)	0.23*(0.21)	—(—)	Nil(—)	—	0.23(0.49)
Armitage Bros (F)	9.45(8.63)	0.43(0.61)	86(153)	24.5(24.5)	—	24.5(24.5)
Authority Inv (F)	3.09(2.26)	0.12(0.2)	—(—)	Nil(Nil)	—	—(—)
Breedon and C (F)	3.8(3.9)	1.11(1.12)	11.88(11.26)	5(—)	—	7.62(7.5)
Burgess Prod (I)	10.96(11.62)	0.11(0.45)	4.05(18.95)	0.5(1.0)	22/5	—(4.0)
Carpets Int (F)	114.55(122.14)	6.37*(2.02)	29.6*(4.5)	Nil(0.75)	—	Nil(2.5)
Dinkie Heel (F)	1.59(1.66)	0.11(0.24)	—(—)	0.25(—)	—	0.5(0.5)
Desoutter Bros (F)	23.3(22.4)	2.5(3.8)	13.5(24.6)	3.0(4.5)	23/5	5.7(7.2)
Jas Dickie (F)	4.8(4.03)	0.05(0.13)	2.85(7.43)	1.5(—)	—	3.94(4.87)
Chas Early (F)	7.41(7.45)	0.18(0.42)	2.74(4.97)	1.48(—)	1/7	1.8(2.21)
Elys Wimbledon (F)	6.6(6.9)	0.31(0.33)	12.14(13.65)	3.85(—)	—	4.85(4.5)
Grampian (F)	64.7(63.4)	1.44(1.93)	10.24(16.17)	3(3)	—	4.5(4.5)
Wm Jacks (F)	14.45(13.84)	0.22(0.41)	0.7(4.98)	Nil(0.7)	—	0.35(1.4)
Martin-Black (F)	15.3(14.02)	0.9*(0.53*)	7.0*(0.5)	Nil(Nil)	—	Nil(Nil)
Stanley Miller (F)	16.94(12.97)	0.06(0.26)	8.75(2.75)	0.8(0.8)	—	1.4(1.4)
N Brit Canadian (F)	—(—)	0.6(0.52)	5.43(4.9)	3.05(—)	8/6	4.8(4.25)
Petroncon Gp (F)	11.97(12.01)	0.02*(0.15)	2.13(1.40)	Nil(Nil)	—	Nil(1.15)
Ramar Textiles (I)	6.54(7.10)	0.15*(0.2)	1.19*(1.59)	Nil(Nil)	—	—(0.52)
L. Ryan (F)	5.5(6.1)	0.42(0.08*)	1.78(0.54*)	Nil(Nil)	—	Nil(Nil)
Scottish TV	27.6(18.4)	2.03(1.7)	19.5(17.2)	4.35(3.68)	6/6	8.5(7.0)
Sharna Ware (F)	15.86(15.11)	0.39(1.07)	50.9(48.6)	2.07(2.07)	15/5	3.47(3.33)
Geo Spencer (F)	13.03(13.18)	0.001(0.33)	1.2(4.8)	—(2.26)	—	0.8(3.06)
Tate of Leeds (F)	14.4(15.8)	0.39(0.68)	—(—)	1.25(1.25)	15/5	1.25(1.25)
W. A. Tyzack (I)	2.38(2.81)	0.12*(0.06)	1.18(0.54)	Nil(0.5)	—	—(—)
E. Upton (F)	5.4(5.6)	0.03*†(0.16†)	—(—)	Nil(—)	—	0.5(2.75)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pretax and earnings are net. *Loss. †Net.

Bardsey and L & E agree terms

By Rosemary Unsworth

Mr John Bentley's Bardsey Group is on the acquisition trail once again. This time the group has made an agreed bid for London & European, the property-to-engineering group whose shares were suspended yesterday at 45p.

The terms of the bid are £17 cash, plus 112 new Bardsep shares for 100 London & European shares. In addition, Singer & Friedlander has undertaken to purchase any new Bardsey shares for 25p cash when the offer goes unconditional, which makes the cash offer worth 45p a share.

The terms value the group at £5.3m.

Mr Bentley said yesterday that he held and had received acceptances for 46 per cent of shares, including the stake held by the London & European board, which is about 6 per cent of the equity.

He said Bardsey hed a small stake of 25,000 shares before the bid, which it had bought a few weeks ago. Other shareholders include Strabul Nominees with 11.7 per cent, and Monarch Insurance with 10.1 per cent.

Mr Bentley added that London & European dovetailed well with Bardsey, which is in residential and commercial property, while London's property is mainly residential in the capital. The industrial side also fitted well and Bardsey management would transfer easily.

Mr John McGuckian, London & European chairman, will resign and two of his colleagues, Mr J. Patterson and Mr Peter Tett, will join the Bardsey board.

Preliminary figures for both groups will be included in the formal offer document. The takeover will be paid from cash and the balance—about 50 per cent of the total consideration—will come from the issue of the new shares.

But L & E attracted the attention of predators when it was trying to gather cash for a bid of its own.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	12%
Barclays	12%
BCCI	12%
Consolidated Crdts	12%
C. Hoare & Co	*12%
Lloyds Bank	12%
Midland Bank	12%
Nat Westminster	12%
TSB	12%
Williams and Glyn's	12%

* 7 day deposit on sums of £10,000 and under 9½%, up to £50,000 10%, over £50,000 10¼%.

Briefly

Breedon and Cloud Hill Lime Works: Dividend for year to January 31, 10.8p gross (10.7p). Turnover £3.88m (£3.93m). Profit £577,500 (£547,000). EPS 11.88p (11.26p). CCA profit after tax £346,000 and profit attributable £884,000.

James Dickie and Co. (Drop Forgings): Dividend for year to October 31, 5.6p gross (6.95p). Turnover £4.88m (£4.03m). Profit £53,000 (£138,000) after tax. EPS 2.85p (7.43p).

L. Ryan Holdings: Turnover for 1980 £5.5m (£6.12m). Pretax profit £422,000 (loss £87,000). EPS 1.78p (loss 0.54p). No dividend for year (same). CCA pretax loss £96,000.

W. A. Tyzack: Turnover for half year to January 31, £2.38m (£2.8m). Pre-tax loss £122,000 (profit £58,000). Tax credit £63,000 (charge £30,000). Loss per share 1.18p (earnings 0.54p). No interim dividend (0.71p).

Elys (Wimbledon): Turnover for year to January 31, £6.59m (£6.94m). Net profit £182,000 (£154,000) after tax of £132,000 (£183,000). EPS 12.14p (13.65p). Dividend 6.92p gross (6.42p). Surplus on revaluation of property £2m.

Charles Early and Marriott (Witney): Turnover for year to January 31, 1981, £7.41m (£7.45m). Pretax profit £187,000 (£421,000). Eps 2.74p (4.97p). Final 1.485p net making 1.8p (2.2122p). Board says group has returned to profitability in the second half.

NCC Energy has placed with brokers to institutions through the market 452,415 Australia registered ordinary shares of Weeks Petroleum, 820,440 Australia registered preference ordinary shares of Weeks and 400,000 Bermuda registered shares of Weeks. Consideration £8.35m showing an extraordinary profit.

Pritchard in bid to clean Jeddah

By Our Financial Staff

Shares of cleaning services group Pritchard Services shot up 13½p to a new high of 163p yesterday after news that it has put in a joint bid for a £180m contract to keep the Saudi Arabian city of Jeddah clean.

Pritchard owns a fifth of the joint venture partnership which has submitted the lowest out of seven competing tenders for the cleaning contract. Its partners are the US group Waste Management Inc and a Saudi Arabian concern. The partnership has held the municipal cleaning services contract for Riyadh for nearly three years. The Jeddah tender was first announced in the US by Waste Management on Thursday night.

Mr Peter Pritchard, the chairman of Pritchard Services, said yesterday that the partnership hopes to know the outcome of its tender for the Jeddah contract soon.

Pritchard Services' figures for 1980 are due for release next month. In 1979 it made £2.41m pretax. Interim profits to June 29, 1980, rose 34.4 per cent, to £1.4m before tax. Mr Pritchard said yesterday that he is very satisfied with trading in the current year, which began on January 1.

Provincial Laundries and its chairman Mr Michael Ashcroft own 21 per cent of Pritchard Services, a stake that was built up after an old-style stock-market raid by Provincial at 72½p a share last July.

Martin-Black's losses climb close to £1m

By Catherine Gunn

Losses at Martin-Black deepened in 1980 from £534,000 to £914,000 before tax. Rising costs, a weak British market and the strength of sterling were blamed by Mr J. Slater, the finance director of this Lanarkshire-based wire rope maker yesterday. Once again there is no dividend.

The group's total sales volume rose by one per cent, bringing turnover up 9 per cent to £15.3m. The two North American companies did well in local currency terms, Mr Slater said, but their after-tax contribution on translation to sterling was just £33,000.

The British operations lost money. A tax credit of £454,000 lef the group with a £621,000 attributable loss. Total exchange rate differences "cost" the group £240,000 in the year to December 31, while interest costs rose £46,000 and higher energy and telephone charges and increased local authority rates added £174,000 to the group's bills.

In Britain the work force has been trimmed by nearly 200 people over the last 15 months, reducing the break-even point of Martin-Black's British operations. Redundancy costs in 1980 totalled £161,000. Pretax losses were struck after a £160,000 exceptional item in respect of assets written off, and additional bad debt provisions of £100,000, "reflecting the poor economic climate", Mr Slater said.

Group overdrafts rose from £2.85m to £3.2m by the year-end, while destocking to the tune of £640,000 and a reduction in debtors of £500,000 meant a drop in shareholders' funds from £5.2m to £4.6m and a rise in gearing.

However, Sir Ian Morrow, the chairman, said that the group is operating "comfortably" within the cash limits set by its bankers.

MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

COPPER [illegible] — Afternoon. — Cash [illegible] three months [illegible] Sales [illegible] Cash cathodes [illegible] three months [illegible] Sales [illegible] Morning. — Cash wire bars [illegible] three months [illegible] Settlement [illegible] Sales [illegible] Cash cathodes [illegible] three months £355 [illegible] Settlement £342.00. Sales 550 tons.

TIN. — Standard tin was steadier yesterday; high-grade was idle. — Afternoon. — Standard cash [illegible] three months £6,770-15 Sales 250 tonnes. High grade cash [illegible] three months [illegible] Sales nil tonnes. Morning. — Standard cash [illegible] three months [illegible] Settlement [illegible] Sales 365 tonnes. High grade [illegible] three months [illegible] Settlement £6,240. Sales nil tonnes. Singapore tin [illegible] yesterday to [illegible] ringgit per kilo.

LEAD was steady. — Afternoon. — Cash £335.50-[illegible] per tonne; three months £350-50.75 Sales [illegible] tonnes. Morning. — Cash [illegible] three months £351-52 [illegible] Settlement £335.00. Sales 7,250 tonnes.

ZINC was barely steady. — Afternoon. — Cash £[illegible]-79.50 per tonne; three months £379.50-80.50 Sales 3,050 tonnes. Morning. — Cash £[illegible] three months £[illegible].50-81.00. Settlement £375.00. Sales 2,100 tonnes.

PLATINUM was at £274.40 ($[illegible]) a troy ounce.

SILVER was steady. — Bullion market (fixing levels). — Spot 551.40p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent 1118.00); three months, 567.10p [illegible]; six months, [illegible]; one year, 618.05p [illegible]. London Metal Exchange. — Afternoon. — Cash [illegible] three months, 566-567.5p. Sales 70 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning. — Cash, 551-552p, three months, 566.5-67.5p. Settlement, 552.0p. Sales, [illegible].

ALUMINIUM was barely steady. — Afternoon. — Cash, £541.50-45.50 per tonne; three months, £[illegible]0-53 [illegible] Sales 2,250 tonnes. Morning. — Cash [illegible]

RUBBER PHYSICALS were about steady [illegible] May, 53.75-56.50. [illegible]

COFFEE. — ROBUSTAS [illegible] May [illegible] July [illegible] Sept [illegible] Nov [illegible] Jan [illegible] March [illegible] Sales, 2,195 lots, including [illegible] options.

ARABICA [illegible] April [illegible] June 156.00-[illegible] Aug [illegible] Oct [illegible] Dec [illegible] Feb 136.00-55.00. April [illegible] Sales nil.

COCOA was steadier [illegible] May [illegible] July [illegible] Sept [illegible] Dec [illegible] March [illegible] May 1,064-1,067 [illegible] Sales, 2,050 lots, [illegible] options.

SUGAR. — The London daily price of "raws" was £2.00 lower at £222; the "whites" price was £10.00 lower at £234. Futures [illegible] per tonne. May [illegible] Aug [illegible] Oct [illegible] Jan [illegible] March [illegible] May [illegible] Aug [illegible] Sales [illegible] lots [illegible] Steady [illegible] daily [illegible]

SOYABEAN MEAL was easier yesterday [illegible] April [illegible] June [illegible] Aug [illegible] Oct [illegible] Dec [illegible] Feb [illegible] Sales, 171 lots.

GRAIN (The Baltic). — WHEAT. — Canadian western red spring, unquoted. US dark northern spring, no 2, 14 per cent, unquoted. US hard winter, 13½ per cent, April, £105.75 May [illegible] June [illegible] transhipment [illegible] east coast [illegible] unquoted. English feed fob. April [illegible] May [illegible] June [illegible] east coast.

MAIZE. — US — French April £[illegible] transhipment east coast. S. African white unquoted. S. African yellow [illegible]

BARLEY. — English feed fob April [illegible] May £104.75, sellers east coast. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). — EEC origin. — BARLEY was irregular — May [illegible] Sept [illegible] Nov [illegible] Jan £107 [illegible] March £10[illegible] Sales [illegible] lots. WHEAT was easier — May £116 [illegible] July [illegible] Sept [illegible] Nov £10[illegible].50 Jan £10[illegible] March [illegible] Sales, [illegible] lots.

Home-Grown Cereals Authority. — Location ex-farm spot prices.

	Other milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Eastern	£114 [illegible]	£110 [illegible]	[illegible]
E. Midlands	—	£113 [illegible]	[illegible]
N. East	£115.00	£113.10	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 3. — GB: Cattle, 90.81p per kg lw (+[illegible]). UK: Sheep, 177.07p per kg est d cw (—2.97). GB: Pigs, 72.[illegible]p per kg lw (+1.47). England and Wales: Cattle nos. down [illegible] per cent, ave. price, 90.67p (+1.[illegible]). Sheep nos. down 27.4 per cent, ave. price, 177.00p (—[illegible]). Pig nos. up [illegible] per cent, ave. price, 72.58p (+1.47). Scotland: Cattle nos. down [illegible] per cent, ave. price, 88.07p (—1.74). Sheep nos. down [illegible] per cent, ave. price, 176.17p (+1.71).

POTATOES (Gafta). — April, £[illegible].70 Nov, £[illegible] Feb., £67.70. Sales 158 lots (of 40 tonnes each).

London sugar futures steady

"Raw" sugar futures steadied late yesterday on weekend short-covering support and general book-squaring, to close £0.10 down to £2.10 up on balance. This contrasted with an average mid-session decline of £3.45 and a first-call easing of about £2.50.

Turnover was 6,827 lots, including 2,826 kerbs. In the morning, the market traded to new one-year "lows" in 1981 positions, basis near May at £221.

The London daily "Whites" price was down £10 to £234 to the lowest level since April 9 last year. "Raws" were £2 down at £222, the lowest "fixing" for "Raws" since April 3 last year.

Traders said the easing in "Whites" reflected a freer fundamental situation, particularly as the EEC is now expected to dispose of substantial weekly sales in the current "White" sugar tender series.

Coffee: Robusta futures closed unchanged to £2 easier in quiet trading yesterday, with values failing initially to respond to news that Pancafe had sold its remaining United States stock.

Cocoa: Cocoa futures ended a steady day, with gains of £10 to £7 a tonne. Traders noted that the morning market posted an average £5 advance, but prices later hardened further on mixed trade and outsider support.

Discount market

There was a moderate surplus of credit in the discount market yesterday. To relieve it and help operators to square their books, the Bank of England sold a moderate amount of Treasury bills to the houses, thereby mopping-up the unwanted funds. Rates for overnight secured call loans closed in a low range of 9½-10½ per cent, down from 11-11½ per cent at the opening.

Foreign exchange report

The combination of much tighter "Fed" funds in the United States, and increased tension over the Polish situation gave the dollar a sharp boost yesterday. Though best levels were not held following higher United States wholesale prices for February.

In contrast, the pound weakened, with its trade-weighted average down 0.6 at 99.5. After dipping to $2.1955 against the dollar, sterling ended off the bottom at $2.2055 ($2.2290 overnight), with the Bank of England possibly giving a steadying touch, dealers said. The prospect of an MLR cut in the short term may have contributed to the down-turn.

Reflecting the overnight trend in New York, the dollar opened firm and moved progressively higher until coming off the top late. With the aid of Bundesbank support, the mark rallied from a one-time 2.1350 to end about 1 1-2 pfennigs off at 2.1220 (2.1100).

The dollar also scored gains over the Swiss franc, 1.9339 (1.9240), the guilder, 2.3545 (2.3410) and the French franc, 4.9970 (4.9800).

Sterling: Spot and Forward

	Market rates (day's range) April 3	Market rates (close) April 3	1 month	3 months
New York	$2.1950-2150	$2.2050-2060	0.67-0.57c disc	1.40-1.50c disc
Montreal	$2.6000-6170	$2.6090-6100	1.10-1.20c disc	3.00-3.15c disc
Amsterdam	5.18-23fl	5.18¾-19¾fl	1¼-¼c prem	2½-1½c prem
Brussels	76.80-77.20f	76.90-77.00f	125-145c disc	160-180c disc
Copenhagen	14.73-83k	14.73-75k	175-335ore disc	760-940ore disc
Dublin	1.2850-2955p	1.2885-2900p	10-22p disc	53-67p disc
Frankfurt	4.67-72m	4.67½-68½m	par-½pf disc	¼-½pf disc
Lisbon	126.10-80c	126.45-65c	2-25c disc	18-195c disc
Madrid	190.50-191.70p	191.05-25p	59-87c disc	190-245c disc
Milan	2331-45lr	2333-35lr	13½-15½lr disc	44-47lr disc
Oslo	11.94-12.01k	11.96-98k	100ore prem-50ore d	95ore prem-70ore d
Paris	11.01-12f	11.01½-02½f	1-2c disc	4¼-5¼c disc
Stockholm	10.20-25k	10.21½-22½k	265-345ore disc	705-860ore disc
Tokyo	468-75y	469½-70½y	2.45-1.90y prem	6.00-5.45y prem
Vienna	33.15-35sch	33.23-28sch	3gro prem-par	8gro prem-par
Zurich	4.26-31f	4.26¾-27¾f	2-1c prem	5-4c prem

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975, was down 0.6 at 99.5.

Other Markets

Australia	1.9905-1.9155
Bahrein	0.8315-0.8345
Finland	9.0190-9.0690
Greece	113.70-115.70
Hongkong	11.7515-11.6015
Iran	n.a
Kuwait	0.6060-0.6090
Malaysia	5.0515-5.0815
Mexico	51.75-53.25
New Zealand	2.4180-2.4390
Saudi Arabia	7.3920-7.4220
Singapore	4.6150-4.6450
South Africa	1.7715-1.7865

Indices

	Bank of England Index	Morgan Guaranty Changes %
Sterling	99.5	−27.1
US dollar	101.1	−3.7
Canadian dollar	86.4	−17.2
Schilling	116.3	+22.2
Belgian franc	107.6	+9.3
Danish kroner	89.4	−19.6
Deutsche mark	121.1	+40.9
Swiss franc	135.2	+75.2
Guilder	112.4	+16.4
French franc	86.8	−9.6
Lira	59.5	−55.1
Yen	142.9	+39.2

Based on trade weighted changes from Washington agreement December, 1971. (Bank of England Index 100).

Dollar Spot Rates

* Ireland	1.7130-1.7160
† Canada	1.1843-1.1846
Netherlands	2.3535-2.3560
Belgium	34.90-34.93
Denmark	6.6950-6.7000
West Germany	2.1210-2.1230
Portugal	56.35-56.50
Spain	86.40-86.45
Italy	1058-1060
Norway	5.4300-5.4350
France	4.9950-5.0000
Sweden	4.6250-4.6300
Japan	213.05-213.25
Austria	15.0200-15.0250
Switzerland	1.9320-1.9340

* Ireland quoted in US currency.
† Canada $1 : US $0.8451-0.8454

Money Market Rates

Bank of England MLR 12%
(Last changed 10/3/81)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 12%
Discount Mkt. Loans %
Weekend High 11½ Low 10½
Week Fixed: 11¼-11½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	11⅝	2 months	11½
3 months	11⁷⁄₁₆	3 months	11¹¹⁄₃₂

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	11⅞-11¾	3 months	12⅜
3 months	11¹⁹⁄₃₂-11½	4 months	12⅛
4 months	11⁹⁄₁₆-11⁷⁄₁₆	6 months	11¾
6 months	11⁵⁄₁₆-11¼₆		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	13½-13⅛	7 months	12⅜-12⅛
2 months	12⅞-12¾	8 months	12⅜-12¼
3 months	12¾-12½	9 months	12½-12¼
4 months	12¾-12½	10 months	12½-12¼
5 months	12⅝-12⅜	11 months	12½-12¼
6 months	12⅝-12⅜	12 months	12¼-12

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	12⁹⁄₁₆-12⁷⁄₁₆	6 months	11¹⁵⁄₁₆-11¹³⁄₁₆
3 months	12¼-12⅛	12 months	11¹⁵⁄₁₆-11¹³⁄₁₆

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	12	3 months	12
7 days	12	6 months	12
1 month	12	1 year	12

Interbank Market (%)

Weekend: Open 11⅝-11½ Close 5

1 week	11⅞-11⅝	6 months	12³⁄₁₆-12¹⁄₁₆
1 month	12³⁄₁₆-12¹⁄₁₆	9 months	12¹⁄₁₆-11¹⁵⁄₁₆
3 months	12¼-12⅛	12 months	12¹⁄₁₆-11¹⁵⁄₁₆

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)

3 months 12⅜ 6 months 12⅛
Finance House Base Rate 13%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£536m	allotted	£100m
Bids at	£97.15	received	45%
Last week	£97.12½	received	61%
Average rate	11.4276%	Last week	11.5305%
Next week	£100m	replace	£100m

EMS Currency Rates

	ECU central rates	currency against ECU	% change from central rate†	% change adjusted†*	divergence limit % plus/minus
Belgian franc	40.7985	41.6040	+1.97	+1.94	1.53
Danish krone	7.91917	7.98615	+0.85	+0.82	1.64
German D-mark	2.54502	2.53757	−0.29	−0.32	1.14
French franc	5.99526	5.98842	−0.11	−0.14	1.365
Dutch guilder	2.81318	2.80409	−0.32	−0.35	1.515
Irish punt	0.685145	0.696240	+1.62	+1.59	1.665
Italian lira	1262.92	1263.78	+0.07	+0.04	4.11

† changes are for the ECU therefore positive change denotes weak currency.
* adjusted for sterling's weight in the ECU, and for the lira's wider divergence limits.
Adjustment calculated by The Times.

Euro-$ Deposits

(%) calls, 13¾-14¼; seven days, 14⅝-14⅞; one month, 14½-14¾; three months, 14½-14¾; six months, 14½-14¾.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $523.50 (an ounce); pm, $523 close, $523.50.
Krugerrand (per coin): $537-540 (£243.50-244.75).
Sovereigns (new): $130-132 (£59-60).

Wall Street

New York, April 3 — Stocks finished with a moderate decline in quiet trading after a lacklustre session.

Declines led advances by a 4-to-3 margin and the Dow Jones industrial average closed at 1,007.11, down 1.90. The industrial average began the day on the upside but never was able to push strongly ahead and as trading slowed the index gave ground.

The Wall Street and Canadian stock prices given in the table relate to Thursday's close. Later publication is caused by the change to British Summer Time. This will continue until Eastern Daylight Time begins in the United States.

Volume slowed to about 49,600,000 shares from yesterday's 52,470,000.

Marine Midland Bank raised its broker rate to 16½ per cent from 15½ per cent and Citibank went to 16 per cent from 15½ per cent. Broker loan rate changes often precede prime rate moves.

Interest rates rose in the credit market as the Federal Reserve let federal funds trade as high as 16 per cent. The rate averaged just under 15 per cent in the week ended Wednesday.

A 1.3 per cent rise in March wholesale prices was within Wall Street's range of expectations but still not good news. The rise in wholesale prices centered on intermediate goods while raw goods prices, even food declined, giving hope that prices would ease in coming months, analysts said.

Blue Chips were mostly lower as were oil, mining, forest products, some defence and oil stocks. Precious metal shares rose in response to higher bullion prices. Gold rose in response to the tense situation in Poland.

	Apr 2	Apr 1		Apr 2	Apr 1		Apr 2	Apr 1
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Chemical	37⅞	28⅜	Norton Simon	16¾	16⅞	Bell Telephone	19⅝	19⅝
Dresser Ind	50⅜	50⅜	Occidental Pet	30⅞	31¼	Comince	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duke Power	18⅝	18⅜	Ogden	35⅜	35⅞	Cons Bathurst	29⅞	29
Du Pont	50⅝	50⅜	Olin Corp	24	23⅞	Gulf Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastern Air	[illegible]	9⅛	Owens-Illinois	[illegible]	31⅛	Hawker Sid Can	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastman Kodak	[illegible]	93	Pacific Gas Elec	21⅛	21⅛	Hudson Bay Min	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eaton Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pan Am	4⅝	4⅞	Hudson Bay Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
El Paso Nat Gas	25	25⅛	Penney J. C.	29⅞	29	Imasco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Equitable Life	[illegible]	10⅝	Pennzoil	45⅛	45⅛	Imperial Oil	35	32⅝
Esmark	61⅛	63⅞	Pepsico	33⅛	32⅝	Int Pipe	15⅝	11⅞
Evans P. D.	21⅞	22⅝	Pfizer	53⅝	53⅞	Mass-Fergsn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exxon Corp	66⅛	65⅛	Phelps Dodge	47	49⅜	Royal Trust	20⅞	[illegible]
Fed Dept Stores	37⅛	38⅛	Philip Morris	51⅛	50⅝	Seagram	66⅛	65⅛
Firestone	12⅜	12½	Phillips Petrol	46⅞	47⅛	Steel Co	30⅝	29
Fst Chicago	16¼	16⅛	Polaroid	29⅛	29	Thomson N 'A'	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst Nat Boston	41⅞	42⅛	PPG Ind	53⅝	54½	Walker Hiram	[illegible]	26⅝
			Proctor Gamble	69⅞	70⅛	WCT	15	15

• Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange — sterling: spot 2.2040 (2.2045); three months, 2.2170 (2.2165); Canadian dollar, 1.1842 (1.1837).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 417.45 (420.02). The futures index was 422.57 (427.52).

The Dow Jones averages — industrials, 1,007.11 (1,009.07); transportation, 438.71 (440.47); utilities, 109.46 (110.05); 65 stocks, 392.04 (393.23).

Canadian Prices

[illegible]

US commodities

New York, April 3. GOLD for April at the Comex was up $5.2 on yesterday to close at $523.00 an ounce. April, $521.50-$524.50; May, $526.70; June, $531.50-$534.00; Aug, $545.50-$547.00; Oct, $557.50; Dec, $5[illegible]-$573.00; Feb, $5[illegible].50; April, $[illegible]-$598.50; June, $608.50; Aug, $621.60; Oct, $634.40; Dec, $647.30; Feb, $660.30.

CHICAGO IMM GOLD: April, $517.70; June, $[illegible].50-$531.00; July, $534.80; Sept, $551.50-$552.00; Oct, $553.10; Dec, $572.00; Jan, $571.50; March, $593.50; April, $596.50.

SILVER at NY Comex closed at $12.17 an ounce, up five cents on yesterday. April 1,218.00c; May, 1,229.00c-1,232.00c; June, 1,234.00c; July, 1,260.00c-1,262.00c; Sep, 1,291.50c; Dec, 1,350.00c; Jan, 1,355.00c; March, 1,383.50c; May, 1,414.00c; July, 1,444.50c; Sep, 1,475.00c; Dec, 1,521.00c.

COPPER for April at the Comex was down 0.45 cents a lb and finished at 85.35 cents. April, 85.35c; May, 86.35c-86.70c; June, 87.45c; July, 88.40c-88.75c; Sep, 90.70c-90.80c; Dec, 93.85c; Jan, 94.80c; March, 96.75c; May, 98.60c; July, 100.50c; Sep, 103.40c; Dec, 105.25c; Jan, 106.20c.

COTTON futures for May at the Comex finished at 87.20 cents, one cent up on yesterday. May, 87.10c-87.30c; July, 87.90c-88.00c; Oct, 85.40c-85.50c; Dec, 82.81c-82.90c; March, 83.60c-83.80c; May, 84.25c-84.50c; July, 85.00c-85.50c.

COCOA for May settled at $2,007 a ton, $16.00 down on yesterday. May, $2,057; July, $2,097; Sept, $2,132; Dec, $2,177; March, $2,222; May, $2,272; July, $2,337.

COFFEE ended marginally down for May to close at 127.12 cents a lb. May, 127.10c-127.15c; July, 127.00c; Sep, 126.55c-126.60c; Dec, 123.50c-124.00c; March, 122.75c; May, 122.75c; July, 125.00c; Sep, 122.00c-126.00c.

SUGAR futures ended 0.28 cent lower to 0.11 cent higer. Sugar No 11 was off 0.10 cent a lb. May, 19.90c-20.00c; July, 20.00c-20.10c; Sep, 20.20c; Oct, 20.15c-20.30c; Jan, 19.61c; March, 1965c-1970c; May, 19.85c; July, 20.05c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS: May, 786½c-774c; July, 812c-797c; Aug, 820c-807½c; Sept, 825c-815c; Nov, 843c-830c; Jan, 860½c-847½c; March, 878½c-867½c; May, 890c-882c. SOYABEAN OIL: May, 24.70c-24.75c; July, 25.48c-25.50c; Aug, 25.80c; Sept, 26.00c; Oct, 26.35c-26.30c; Dec, 26.90c; Jan, 27.10c; March, 27.65c-27.70c; May, 28.10c-28.20c; July, 28.50c-28.60c. SOYABEAN MEAL: May, $2[illegible].00-$2[illegible].30; July, $230.40-$231.00; Aug, $234.00; Sept, $236.50-$236.80; Oct, $238.50; Dec, $242.50-$242.30; Jan, $245.50; March, $248.50-$248.00; May, $250.50-$251.00.

CHICAGO GRAINS: WHEAT was easy. May, 432½c-430c; July, 439½c-436c; Sept, 453½c-451c; Dec, 475c-471½c; March, 492½c-491c; May, 502½c-501c. MAIZE futures were easy. May, 362c-358½c; July, 371c-368c; Sept, 376½c-372½c; Dec, 381-376c; March, 389½c-385c; May, 393½c-390c. OATS were easy. May, 219½c-216½c; July, 211c-209c; Sept, 210½c-209c; Dec, 222c-219½c; March, 228c-227c.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

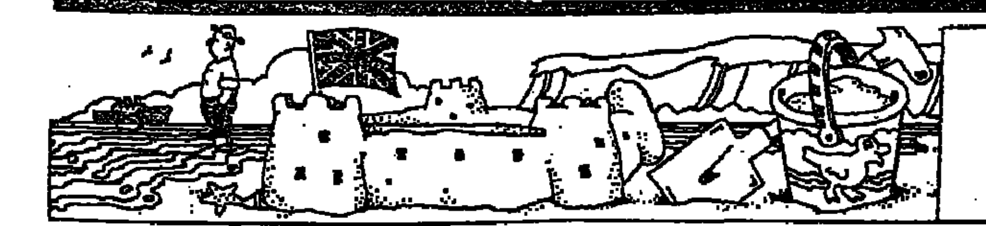
1980/81 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorized Unit Trusts			
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks 0296-5941			
62.1	47.1	American Grwth	61.2	65.8	2.21
51.5	33.2	Capital	51.5	55.6	3.86
58.8	44.0	General	58.8	63.5	4.84
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112.3	101.2	Fixed Int * (34)	..	110.5	12.36
		Charinco Charities Narrower-Range Fund. 15 Moorgate, London, EC2 01-638 4121			
122.2	108.2	Income (34)	..	122.2	11.62
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73.7	55.8	Balanced	73.7	79.2	4.42
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50.0	49.8	Energy Int	47.9	51.4	1.94
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51.6	38.3	Scotbits	51.6	55.4	4.16
86.1	69.4	Scotshares	86.1	92.5	4.42
55.3	47.0	Scotyields	55.3	59.4	7.68
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98.5	100.0	Money Pen	98.5	103.7	..
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120.7	95.8	Do Income	120.7	127.2	..
143.1	96.7	Do Intl Gr'th	143.1	150.8	..
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		Irish Life Assurance. 11 Finsbury Sq, London, EC2. 01-628 8253			
245.4	226.1	Prop Modules	229.0	241.8	..
285.5	269.4	Do Grwth (3)	273.7	288.1	..
134.0	128.2	Do Series 2	128.3	135.0	..
150.2	135.9	Exmpt Managed	146.0	153.7	..
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200.6	187.4	Managed Fund	200.6	211.2	..
343.5	259.4	Do Equity	343.5	361.6	..
194.3	173.3	Do Fixed Int	192.9	203.1	..
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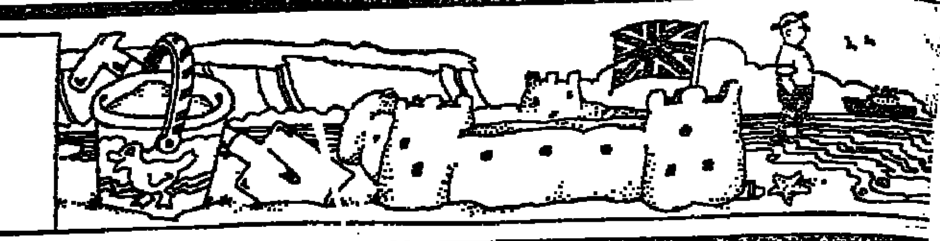
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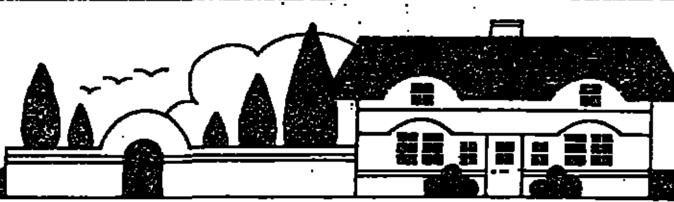
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Broadcasting Guide

Edited by Peter Davalle

PERSONAL CHOICE

Jenny Hanley and Bob Langley: they are the co-presenters of a new series of Saturday Night at the Mill interview and music shows which begin tonight on BBC 1 at 10.35

● A spectacular illustration tonight of BBC 2's declared policy of avoiding putting out a programme that duplicates what is happening on BBC 1 at the same moment. Eight o'clock on BBC 2 (and on Radio 3): the Mussorgsky opera Khovanshchina. Eight o'clock on BBC 1 (and Radio 2): the Eurovision Song Contest. If this isn't alternative viewing, I should like to know what is. The opera is a repeat screening. If you wanted to be unkind (though not necessarily wrong) you might also say that the song festival is a repeat, too, because not only do all the songs tend to sound alike but also tend to sound like last year's, and the year before, and the year before that. . . .

● With the inevitability of spring succeeding winter, Bob Langley and Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen succeed Michael Parkinson and the Harry Stoneham band in the BBC 1 Saturday night chat show spot. The last run of Saturday Night at the Mill (BBC 1, 10.35) was plagued by the presence of woefully inadequate women in the co-presenter's chair. Jenny Hanley was far and away the best of the bunch: no girlish giggling and inane questions from her. I commend BBC Midlands on its decision to let Miss Hanley share the interviewing with Mr Langley on a regular basis, beginning tonight.

● By one of those coincidences which "colour" writers seize upon, the same week that sees the running of the Grand National at Aintree has also seen the death of Enid Bagnold whose book National Velvet still has the power to make some people view the race through an aura of sentimentality. Plenty of opportunity on BBC 1 and Radio 2 today (from 12 o'clock onwards) to regard the race in a more mundane light. There will be prediction, assessment and reminiscence from absolutely everybody except the horses. The Boat Race (BBC1, 12.40: Radio 2, 1.00) still awaits its Bagnold, though the Eton Boat Song gives off a romantic enough glow.

● John Carroll's affectionate portrait of Erica Marx, the poet and publisher (Radio 3, 7.15), is packed with tributes from fellow poets (Causley, Hamburger, Eric Walter White, Valerie Hovenden) whose works were first published on her Hand Flower presses in the 1950s. My favourite story tonight is told by Mr Causley, who describes how Miss Marx, hearing a busker spouting Shakespeare outside a London theatre, gave him a book of Causley poems to extend his repertoire — an opportunity that was not wasted.

● Generally speaking, most radio dramas about newspapers begin as dramas, end up as comedies. There is something about the profession that has that effect on writers. No fear of its happening in tonight's play by Peter Terson, The Rundle Gibbet (Radio 4, 8.30) which is about a local reporter who takes it upon himself to expose some local scandals. The play is a comedy. It stars Hadyn Jones and June Barrie.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: † STEREO; ★ BLACK AND WHITE; (r) REPEAT.

TELEVISION

BBC 1

8.05 Open University. Exploring frequency space. Closedown at 8.30
9.05 Swim: Springboard diving (r). With Andrew Harvey; **9.30 Lassie.** The story of the deadly surf. Not the movie, but the TV series.
9.50 Help! It's the Hair Bear Bunch: zoo comedy (r); **10.10 Grin and Bear It:** Old Edgar Kennedy comedy; **10.30 Cartoon:** Foghorn Leghorn.
10.40 Film: Lawless Street (1959) Randolph Scott; western about a town marshall about to hand in his star. With Angela Lansbury. **11.57** Weather.
12.00 Grandstand: The line-up is:—12.00 Scene-setter for the Grand National; 12.10 Football Focus.
12.40 The Boat Race Commentators are Harry Carpenter and Penny Chuter; **1.25** Back to Aintree; **1.50** A Race from the Aintree card; **2.10** The fancied Grand National Runners, **2.20** Meet the jockeys; **2.30** Another Aintree race; **2.45** The Grand National parade;
3.20 The big race itself; **3.55 Rugby League:** Hull KR v St Helens, semi-final of the Three Fives Challenge Cup; **4.35** The Grand National jockeys talk; **4.45** Final scores (See Personal Choice).
5.10 Tom and Jerry: Triplet Trouble;
5.20 News: with Kenneth Kendall; **5.30 Sport.**
5.35 The Dukes of Hazzard: Boss tries to cheat his brother Abe out of his rightful inheritance
6.20 Film: One Million Years BC: (1966) Raquel Welch among the prehistoric monsters. A spectacular lark, and good fun. With John Richardson, Percy Herbert. Director Don Chaffey.
8.00 The Eurovision Song Contest. Live, from Dublin. Bucks Fizz represent the United Kingdom with Making Your Mind Up (See Personal Choice).
10.20 News: and sports round-up.
10.35 Saturday Night at the Mill: The guests are Nana Mouskouri, Linda Lovelace and Paul Shane, from the BBC TV comedy series Hi-Di-Hi (See Personal Choice).
11.25 Sergeant Bilko: Phil Silvers as the immortal sergeant.*

BBC 1 VARIATIONS. BBC CYMRU-WALES 5.30-5.35 pm Sports News Wales 11.50 News. Scotland 3.55-4.25 pm Amateur Boxing 4.55-5.10 Scoreboard (1). 5.30-5.35 Scoreboard (2) 11.50 News. Northern Ireland 5.0-5.10 pm Scoreboard 5.30-5.35 Northern Ireland News 11.50 News. England 5.30-5.35 pm (South-West Only) Saturday Spotlight 11.55 Close

BBC 2

7.40 am Open University: 'Maids the Mad Shooter' 8.5 Solving Linear Equations. 8.30 Looking at Poems. 8.55 The Balby Street Kids. 9.20 Cadences. 9.45 Rich Law, Poor Law? 10.10 The Imperial Roman Army. 10.35 Maths: Complex Functions. 11.0 Bi-Variate Normal Distribution. 11.25 'The Venetian Twins' 12.15 pm Allostery. 12.40 Poisons that Paralyse. 1.05 A Feel for Space. 1.30 Palaeontology and Geological Time. 1.55 Problems of Pollution.
2.55 Film: Hell Bent for Glory* (1958) Story of the Lafayette Escadrille, the Americans who fought in France during the Great War before America formally entered the conflict. With Tab Hunter. Director: William A. Wellman.
4.25 Film: The 1000 Plane Raid: (1963) Second World War drama about the biggest air armada of the war — the 1000 bombers that went on a mission to destroy an aeroplane factory in Germany. With Christopher George and Laraine Stephens. Director: Boris Sagal.
5.55 Newsnight In India: Highlights from the films, already seen, about life in India today. The reporter is David Lomax. Includes the Republic Day Parade in Delhi, an interview with Mrs Gandhi's son Rajiv.
6.55 News and sports round-up.
7.10 Rugby Special: London Scottish play Leicester in the semi-finals of the John Player Cup. Leicester hold the trophy. London Scottish have not reached the final since 1974.
8.00 Khovanshchina: Soviet Television film of the Mussorgsky opera, made at Moscow's Bolshoi Theatre. With English sub-titles, and an introduction by Humphrey Burton. Also on Radio 3, in stereo. Break for the news at 8.50 (See Personal Choice).
11.00 Arena: Did You Miss Me . . . ? The return to the stage of Gary Glitter, the pop star, who retired five years ago but has since made a number of come-backs.
11.35 Racing from Aintree: A second chance to see the Sun Grand National Steeplechase all over again.
11.55 The Old Grey Whistle Test: The guests are Fischer Z and The Selecter. Also, interviews and reviews of the new rock records. Ends at 12.40.

London Weekend

8.45 Sesame Street: Learning, with The Muppets; **9.45 Joe 90:** A boy becomes a secret agent, and tries to steal a Soviet MiG (r).
10.10 Survival: The River and the Trees: Film about the rain forests of Trinidad. The narrator is Peter Scott (r).
10.35 Anna and the King: TV version of The King and I, minus the songs, minus Deborah Kerr, but still with Yul Brynner (r).
11.00 Thunderbirds: Animated puppets in a drama about an airliner with a bomb on board (r).
12.00 Mork and Mindy: Comedy about a visitor from another planet, and his girl-friend.
12.30 World of Sport. The line-up is: 12.35 On the Ball; 1.00 Motor Sport: The Baja 1,000, from Ensenada, Mexico; 1.15 News from ITN; 1.20 The ITV Seven: We see the following races from Salisbury: the 1.30, 2.00, 2.30 and 3.00, and, from Stockton, the 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45.
3.10 Tennis: The Avon Women's Championships from New York. 3.30 WBC Welterweight Championship.
3.50 Football: The half-time football scores; 4.00 Wrestling: From Hemel Hempstead; 4.50 Results service.
5.05 Metal Mickey: The robot in a new series of comedies.
5.35 News.
5.40 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century: All about a strange boy with special powers. Can he save the crew of the stranded spaceship Searcher?
6.35 3*2*1: Quiz game, with Ted Rogers. The theme is the seaside.
7.35 Film: Von Ryan's Express (1965) Exciting PoW escape story, set in Italy during the Second World War. Rip-roaring climax. With Frank Sinatra, Trevor Howard.
9.45 News from ITN.
10.00 The Big Match: Action from three of the day's big football matches.
11.00 The Monte Carlo Show: Spectacular variety show, with Telly Savalas topping a bill which also includes Charles Aznavour, The King's Singers, The Great Andre and the puppet Ploom.
12.00 The Electric Theatre Show: For movie fans.
12.30 Close: Lord Rawlinson reads a poem.

FILMS ON TELEVISION

by David Robinson

The BBC has a very mixed bag of films made between 1955 and 1968 this week. **One Million Years B.C.** (tonight BBC 1, 6.20) an efficient and enjoyable Hammer film of 1966 is an odd echo of the post-Darwinist fascination with prehistoric man, in the early years of this century. D. W. Griffith responded to popular taste in 1911 with Man's Genesis. In 1939 Hal Roach developed the film as One Million B.C. and for old times' sake had Griffith direct one scene of it. Hammer had the whim of re-doing it (more or less) three decades on, with the added attractions of Raquel Welch.

Hell Bent for Glory (today, BBC 2, 2.55) is also nostalgic — William Wellman's last film and his recollection of First World War service in the Lafayette Escadrille (which was the original title of the picture). It is disappointing (despite a young Clint Eastwood) but still better than the second half of the double bill, **The Thousand Plane Raid** (BBC 2, 4.25), a heavy-going Second World War flying story. Angela Lansbury as a saloon girl enlivens a conventional Randolph Scott Western, A Lawless Street, on BBC 1 today (10.40 am).

It's Always Fair Weather (tomorrow BBC 1, 1.55), from the tail end of the great MGM musical tradition, has its moments; and its assault on television gives it a period curiosity.

Tomorrow offers two British pictures from the sixties that are worth revisiting. **The Rebel** (BBC 2, 3.35) did not make the best calculated use of Tony Hancock's talents, in a comic Moon and Sixpence: but at least it is a chance to watch his style. Karel Reisz's spectacular portrait of Isadora (BBC 2, 10.40), with Vanessa Redgrave's flamboyant performance, is showing in the 2¼ hour version (shorter than the director's preferred original) in which it was released in the cinemas here. Later in the week there is home-grown low tripe-and-onions comedy in **Carry On Cleo** (Friday BBC 1, 7.30).

I hope that Stuart Rosenberg's **Cool Hand Luke** (Monday, BBC 1, 9.25) still looks good: the mythic pretensions of its story of a prison idol (Paul Newman) whose worshippers will not permit him to fall, were always rather near the surface. I am more certain that **The Night They Raided Minsky's** (Friday, BBC 1, 10.50) — the story of how striptease came to burlycue — will have kept its oddity and sparkle, even if it rouses regrets that William Freidkin afterwards slid down into The Exorcist and Cruising.

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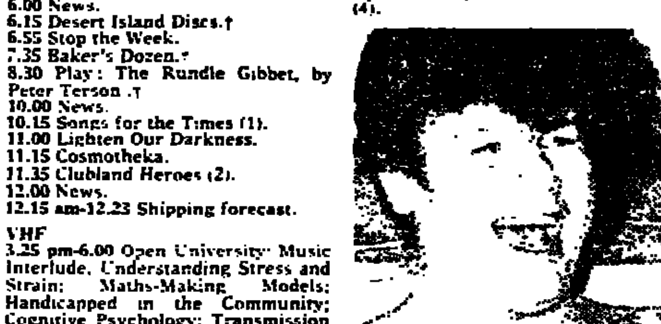
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8.45 Today's Papers.
8.50 Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 News.
9.05 Breakaway.
9.50 News Stand.
10.05 The Week in Westminster.
10.30 Daily Service.
10.45 Pick of the Week †
11.35 From Our Own Correspondent.
12.00 News.
12.02 pm Money Box.
12.27 Just a Minute †
12.55 Weather.
1.00 News.
1.10 Any Questions?
2.00 News.
2.05 Wildlife.
2.30 The House of Mirth (3) †
3.25 International Assignment.
3.55 A Place in Time.
4.40 Profile.
5.00 People and Places (1).
5.25 Week Ending.
5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.15 Desert Island Discs.†
6.55 Stop the Week.
7.35 Baker's Dozen.†
8.30 Play: The Rundle Gibbet, by Peter Terson.†
10.00 News.
10.15 Songs for the Times (1).
11.00 Lighten Our Darkness.
11.15 Cosmotheka.
11.35 Clubland Heroes (2).
12.00 News.
12.15 am-12.23 Shipping forecast.

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3.25 pm-6.00 Open University: Music Interlude. Understanding Stress and Strain; Maths-Making Models; Handicapped in the Community; Cognitive Psychology; Transmission Lines; Investigating the Law; People and Work.

Radio 3

7.55 am Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Records: Holst, Panufnik.†
9.00 News.
9.05 Record Review.†
10.15 Stereo Release: Haydn (Sym 2), Bruckner (Sym 0).†
11.15 Bandstand.†
11.45 Diversions: records.†
1.00 pm News.
1.05 Piano (Dawson-Lyell): Françaix, Jolivet, Poulenc.†
2.00 Play it Again: outstanding music of the past week.†
5.00 Jazz records.†
5.45 Critics' Forum.
6.35 Organ (Danby): Attaignant, Titelouze, Nivers, Lebegue.†
7.15 There was a Publisher: portrait of Erica Marx.
8.00 Opera: Khovanshchina, by Mussorgsky (Bolshoi/Simonov: SB with BBC 2), Acts I and II.†
8.50 Interval reading.
8.55 Khovanshchina, Acts III, IV and V †
11.00 News.
11.05-11.15 Record: Holborne.†

VHF
5.55 am-7.55 Open University: Frank Lloyd Wright; Reward Preferences; The Context of Welfare; Thought and Reality; Reading in Bottom Gear; Maths Foundation Tutorial.
11.15 pm-11.55 Open University: Open Forum; Television and Politics (4).


Gary Glitter: Radio 4, 6.15

Radio 2

5.00 am Tom Edwards.† 8.05 David Jacobs.† 10.00 Pete Murray.† 12.00 The Magic of Mantovani.† 12.30 Sport: Grand National; Boat Race; Football, Sports Report. 6.00 Europe 81. 7.00 Three in a Row. 7.30 Big Band Special.† 8.00 Eurovision Song Contest. 10.00 Hilversum Greets Radio 2. 11.10 Peter Marshall. 2.00 am-6.00 You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

5.00 am As Radio 2. 7.00 Playground. 8.00 Tony Blackburn. 10.00 Steve Wright. 1.00 pm 25 Years of Rock (1).† 2.00 A King in New York.† 2.05 Paul Gambaccini.† 4.00 Walters' Weekly.† 5.00 Rock On.† 6.30 In Concert. † 7.30 Close. VHF RADIOS 1 and 2. 5.00 am With Radio 2. 1.00 pm With Radio 1. 7.30-6.00 am With Radio 2.

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REGIONAL TV

ATV
As London except: Starts 9.10 am Cooperate! 9.35 Numbers at Work. 10.00 Flying Kiwi. 10.30-12.30 pm Saturday Morning Picture Show 10.00 Star Soccer. 11.00 Quincy 12.00 Closedown.

Southern
As London except: Starts 8.50 God's Story. 9.05 Sesame Street. 10.00 Clapperboard. 10.30 Mork and Mindy. 11.00 Film: New Original Wonder Woman (Lynda Carter). 12.20 pm-12.30 Walt Disney Classic. 11.00 News. 11.05 Lou Grant 12.00 Weather followed by Being A Christian.

Granada
As London except: Starts 9.15 am No Need to Shout 9.40 Numbers at Work. 10.05 Survival 10.30 Mystery Island. 10.40-12.30 pm Film: Battle Beneath the Earth. 10.00 Match Night. 11.05 Lou Grant. 12.00-1.00 am Celebrity Concert: Charles Aznavour.

Tyne Tees
As London except: Starts 9.00 am Chopper Squad. 9.50 Butch Cassidy. 10.15 Cartoon. 10.25 Ad Lib 10.50-12.30 pm Film: Life and Times of Grizzly Adams. 5.40 News. 5.42-6.35 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century. 10.00 Shoot! 11.10 Tenspeed and Brown Shoe. 12.10 am-12.15 Three's Company.

Westward
As London except. Starts 9.30 am Look and See 9.35 Thunderbirds 10.20 Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 10.25 Ad-Lib. 10.50 Film: Tarzan goes to India (Jock Mahoney) 12.27-12.30 pm News. 5.40 Scoreline 5.42-6.35 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century. 12.00-12.05 am Faith for Life.

HTV
As London except: Starts 9.10 am Numbers at Work 9.35 No Need to Shout. 10.00 Undersea Adventures of Captain Nemo. 10.05 Spiderman. 10.30 Film Great Bank Robbery (Zero Mostel, Kim Novak). 12.28-12.30 pm News.
5.39-5.40 News 7.35-9.45 Film: Gun Fight at the OK Corral (Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas, Rhonda Fleming). 12.00 Closedown.
HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV West except: 10.00-10.30 am Book Tower. 5.05-5.35 Sion a Sian.

Channel
As London except: Starts 12.30 pm World of Sport. 5.40 Puffin's Platice 5.42-6.35 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century. 12.00 Closedown.

Grampian
As London except: Starts 9.45 am Adventures of Parsley. 9.50 Sesame Street. 10.50 Here's Boomer 11.10 Banana Splits in Hocus Pocus Park. 12.00-12.30 pm New Fred and Barney Show. 10.00 Scotsport. 11.00 Reflections. 11.05 Monte Carlo Show. 12.00 Closedown.

Scottish
As London except: Starts 9.10 am Cooperate! 9.35 Numbers at Work. 10.00 New Fred and Barney Show. 10.25 Ad Lib 10.50-12.30 pm Film Most Dangerous Man in The World (Gregory Peck and Anne Heywood). 10.00 Scotsport 11.00 Late Call 11.05-12.30 am Police Story.

Yorkshire
As London except: Starts 9.00 am Cooperate! 9.25 Spiderman 9.40 Chips 10.25 Ad Lib 10.50-12.30 pm Film: Trader Horn (Rod Taylor, Anne Heywood) 10.00 Big Game 11.00 SWAT. 12.00-12.30 am Superstar Profile: Liza Minnelli.

Ulster
As London except: Starts 9.15 am No Need To Shout 9.40 Numbers at Work. 10.05 Fangface. 10.25 Sesame Street 11.25 Sally and Jake 11.35-12.30 pm Tarzan 5.38-5.40 News 11.00 W.K.R.P. in Cincinnati. 11.30-11.40 Bedtime.

Border
As London except: Starts 9.10 am Cooperate! 9.35 Numbers at Work. 10.00 Cinderella. 10.15 Fangface 10.45 Laurel and Hardy 11.10 Superstar Profile 11.35-12.30 pm Incredible Hulk. 10.00 Shoot! 11.00 Butlin's Grand Masters Darts Championship. 11.30 Closedown.

Anglia
As London except. Starts 9.40 am Lost Islands. 10.05 Rocket Robin Hood 10.25 Ad Lib. 10.50-12.30 pm Film—Islands of the Lost starring Richard Greene. 10.00-11.00 Match of the Week 12.00 Afloat 12.30 am At The End of the Day

Sunday's programmes

PERSONAL CHOICE


Malcolm Storry: he plays the shepherd in the first instalment of Peter Ransley's Bread or Blood (BBC 2, 10.00).

● Clare Francis, who had to do all that shipboard heaving, training and tugging herself in The Commanding Sea last week, leaves it all to the men in tonight's film, The World Encompassed (BBC 2, 7.15). They are the hardy chaps who took the replica of Drake's Golden Hinde round the world, and Miss Francis goes with them for the ride, but only as far as Shanghai. Drake spent much time in the Pacific, and so does tonight's film, recording coral islanders as they fish and paddle their dug-outs, and as they indulge in age-old practices such as that of the nursing mother who squirts her milk into the sea in tribute to that mighty giver of life. Carl Davis's music is powerfully nautical and Olivier's commentary, frail-sounding last week, now has more of the master's old vigour about it.

Possibly because he was the hero of the Upper Clyde shipyard work-in and is, therefore, on growling if not actual speaking terms with the spectre of unemployment, Jimmy Reid has been chosen as front man for Granada Television's new series Co-operate! (11.30 am) which is about the efficacy of the workers' co-operative as a method of trimming the dole queues. And a resounding PR job Mr Reid makes of it. We see him wearing an industrial co-op's suit, pedalling a co-op bicycle, proposing a toast with a co-op beer mug, and taking a ride in a co-op taxi driven by Fred Housego, the BBC's current Mastermind. The latter experience prompts Mr Reid to offer the highly debatable thought that "if a co-op sounds attractive to a Mastermind, you can see there's something in it"

Bread or Blood, the five-part rural saga which begins tonight (BBC 2, 10.00) is rooted in W. H. Hudson's A Shepherd's Life, set in Wiltshire in the early 1800s. It builds up to the so-called Swing riots in which labourers, deprived of their livelihoods, rose in bloody revolt. But all that lies several weeks ahead. Tonight's film is by way of being a scene-setter, with shepherd and blacksmith risking their lives by poaching deer. The mood of men and countryside is wintry. There is hunger and sullenness and cold, and Peter Ransley's writing and Peter Smith's direction capture all these elements and the drabness of these country folk's lives with considerable power. The storm to come is very subtly foreshadowed.

No need to thumb laboriously through the printed pages of BBC Radio's programme schedules to pick out today's best buys: they spring out to greet you. Especially sprightly is Anne Jones's portrait (Radio 4, 7.30) of Mrs C. W. Earle, author of Pot-pourri from a Surrey Garden, fanatical meat-hater but hearty consumer of all of the other good and simple joys that life has to offer in the way of experience. Celia Johnson reads from Miss Earle's memoirs and books . . . . Also highly recommended: the repeated broadcast of Troilus and Cressida (Radio 3, 7.30), with Michael Pennington and Maureen O'Brien, and with Alan Howard as Thersites.

TELEVISION

BBC 1

9.00 Over the Moon: for the younger child (r).
9.15 Art-Asia: Portrait of the Pakistani writer-turned-painter, Tassaduq Sohail; **9.45 Supervisors:** What the newly-created supervisor should bear in mind; **10.10 The Skill of Lip Reading:** The difference between conductive and perceptive deafness.
10.35 Work and Leisure: Richard Hoggart's lecture to the Royal Institution: **11.00 It Figures:** Everyday maths — decimals. With Jimmy Young.
11.25 Kontakte: German lesson, no 24 (r); **11.50 Wainwright's Law:** A citizen's rights and duties.
12.15 Sunday Worship: Words, music, pictures. The presenter is the Rev Bill Sargent; **1.00 Farming:** and weather forecast.
1.25 Education Shop: Should parents help their children to read at home — or leave it to the school to do it?; **1.50 News.**
1.55 Film: It's Always Fair Weather (1955) Gene Kelly's and Stanley Donen's musical about three ex-soldiers (Kelly, Dan Dailey, Michael Kidd). Well below Kelly's and Donen's usual standard. With Cyd Charisse, Dolores Gray.
3.30 Bonanza: Old Western, back again; **4.20 Flying at Farnborough:** Raymond Baxter looks back on last year's air show.
4.50 Match of the Day: Action from yesterday's football games. Also, the winner of last month's Goal of the Month competition; **5.50 News:** with Jan Leeming.
6.00 Antiques Roadshow: Arthur Negus and Angela Rippon among the treasures belonging to Aylesbury folk; **6.40 Songs of Praise:** Gerry Monte visits St Nicholas Parish Church in Kenilworth and meets Fred Kaan, writer of hymns.
7.15 Open All Hours: Ronnie Barker as the owner of a corner shop. Tonight: how he comes to lose his trousers. Lynda Baron plays his girl-friend.
7.45 Elizabeth R: Final play in this sequence of six: Ian Rodger's Sweet England's Pride. The fall of the Earl of Essex (Robin Ellis). With Glenda Jackson as the queen; **9.05 News.**
9.15 That's Life: the show that champions the consumer, and mixes in some jokes.
10.00 Friends: Dr Colin Morris talks to the authoress Naomi Mitchison and a former headmistress Dame Margaret Miles. **10.35 Europe Inside Out:** The German TV network Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen looks at Hungary and asks: Is it a stern Communist regime, or a forward-looking European nation?
11.00 The Sky at Night: What we can see on a spring night. Plus the maps drawn up from Voyager I pictures; **11.20 George Burns in Nashville???:** The veteran comedian with Loretta Lynn and Larry Gatlin; **12.10** Weather.

Regions

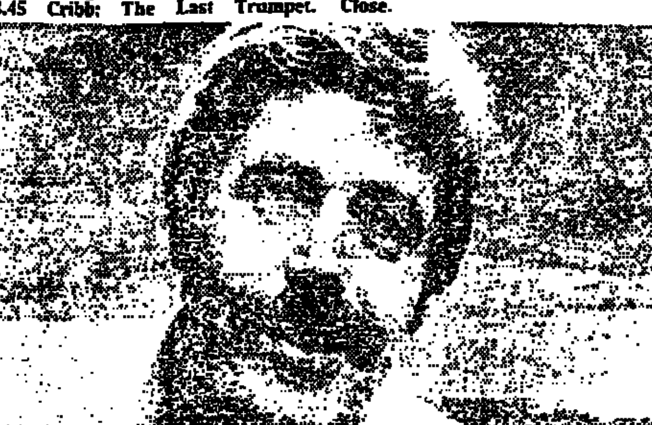
BBC 1 VARIATIONS: BBC Cymru/Wales: 8.30-9.45 am Open University. 1.00-1.25 pm Farming in Wales. 1.55-2.25 Art-Asia. 2.25-4.20 Sports Line-up. 6.40-7.15 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. 12.10 am News. Scotland: 1.00-1.25 pm Landward 4.50-5.50 Sportscene. 10.10-10.45 Angles. 10.45-11.15 Grimble on Genius: James Bruce of Kinnaird (1730-1794). 11.15-12.05 am George Burns in Nashville???. 12.05 News. Northern Ireland: 12.10 am News. England: 12.15 am Close.

BBC 2

7.40 Open University: Electric Money; 8.5 Spreading Oceans; 8.30 M101/7 Functions and Graphs; 8.55 Analysing Social Interaction; 9.20 'The Gambler' Dostoevsky; 9.45 Sexual Identity: Male Gays; 10.10 Playing with Fire; 10.35 The Digital Computer; 11.00 Sundials; 11.25 The Urban Migrant; 11.50 Transmission Lines; 12.15 pm Social Work in Schools; 12.40 Control in the Community; 1.5 Cells and Organisms; 1.30 The Action of Lysozyme. Closedown at 1.55.
3.35 Film: The Rebel (1960) Tony Hancock's first film. He plays an office worker and frustrated artist who seeks fame on Paris's Left Bank. With George Sanders, Margit Saad. Director: Robert Day.
5.20 Horizon: Did Darwin Get it Wrong? Second showing of last Monday's film in which experts offer alternative theories about evolution (r).
6.10 News Review: Kenneth Kendall presents these highlights from the week's news. With sub-titles for the hard of hearing.
6.40 The Money Programme: Why EEC officials are making early-morning raids on British companies, armed with EEC warrants.
7.15 The Commanding Sea: The second of Clare Francis's voyage films. She sails on board the replica of Sir Francis Drake's ship the Golden Hinde. We also hear about the first explorers of the Pacific. Commentary by Laurence Olivier. (See Personal Choice).
8.15 News: and weather forecast.
8.25 International Pro-Celebrity Golf: Jimmy Tarbuck, the comedian, and Lee Trevino play the singer Glen Campbell and Fuzzy Zoeller at Gleneagles.
9.15 International Snooker: Preview of the Embassy World Professional Championship which opens on Tuesday. You can see many of the games on BBC 2.
10.00 Bread or Blood: Episode one of Peter Ransley's story about the tough life of country folk in early 19th century England. With Malcolm Storry and Ian Redford. (See Personal Choice).
10.40 Film: Isadora (1968) Karel Reisz's very watchable full-length portrait of the dancer who went back to the distant past for her inspiration, has Vanessa Redgrave (at her best) in the title role. Superbly photographed. The screenplay is by Melvyn Bragg and Clive Exton. With Jason Robards, James Fox. Ends at 1.00.

London Weekend

9.05 Co-operate: First in a new series in which Jimmy Reid extols the virtues of the co-operative as a means of ensuring jobs and creating new ones (see Personal Choice); **9.30 No Need to Shout:** Sign Language.
10.00 The Way of the Wilderness: Passion Sunday service from St Ann's Church, Newcastle upon Tyne: **10.30 But What Do You Really Believe?** Una Kroll, supporter of the ordination of women, talks to Gillian Reynolds.
11.00 Getting On: How to add, subtract and estimate. With Fred Harris (r); **11.30 Cartoon; 11.45 God's Story:** The New Testament, retold for children. With Paul Copley.
12.00 Weekend World: Wide-ranging survey of British industry — and what is going wrong. Visits to United Biscuits, Liverpool, and Delta Metal, Birmingham.
1.00 Look Here: How should television deal with the new Social Democrats? Also, a report on video cassette piracy. With John Pardoe.
2.00 Skin: Black performers in films and on TV. Interviews with Norman Beaton, Angela Bruce and Trevor Laird; **2.30 Police 5:** How to help Scotland Yard.
2.45 Film: Tamahine (1946) Romantic tale of a Polynesian girl (Nancy Kwan) who has a disturbing effect on the boys at a public school. With John Fraser, Dennis Price.
4.00 Smuggler: First episode in a swashbuckling costume drama with Oliver Tobias in the title role. In 13 instalments.
4.30 Flambards: Episode one of this repeated series about a girl (Christina McKenna) in a house full of men. Based on the Kathleen Peyton books (r).
5.30 The Muppet Show: With American comedian Milton Berle; **6.00 Jaywalking:** Whose Mind is It, Anyway? The Moonies.
6.40 Your 100 Best Hymns: More of your favourites.
7.15 Rising Damp: Re-run of the acclaimed boarding house comedies, with Leonard Rossiter, Frances de la Tour, Richard Beckinsale (r).
7.45 Hart to Hart: Crime series, with Robert Wagner and Stefanie Powers.
8.45 Cribb: The Last Trumpet. Another tale of the Victorian detective (Alan Dobie). A threat to a zoo — and a murder. With William Simons and Joyce Carey.
9.45 Tales of the Unexpected: Vicious Circle. The story of a break-in, and the flat-owner (Siobhan McKenna) who treats the intruder (Patrick Field) very kindly.
10.15 News from ITN.
10.30 Brian Moore meets Seve Ballesteros: The encounter takes place at Pedrena, in northern Spain.
11.30 Star Parade: Musical show, with James Last and his Orchestra, and Barry Manilow, Nana Mouskouri, Boney M and Johnnie Ray; **12.30** Close.


Jimmy Reid in Granada Television's series Co-operate! (9.05 am)

RADIO

Radio 4

6.25 am Shipping forecast
6.30 Morning has Broken
6.55 Weather
7.00 News
7.10 Sunday Papers
7.15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye
7.55 Weather
8.00 News
8.10 Sunday Papers
8.15 Sunday
8.50 Week's Good Cause.
8.55 Weather
9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America
9.30 Morning Service
10.15 The Archers
11.15 Weekend
12.00 The Lord of the Rings (part 5)†
12.30pm Food Programme
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend
2.00 News
2.02 Gardeners' Question Time
2.30 Play: The Old Jest, by Jennifer Johnston†
4.00 News
4.02 Rust in Peace
4.30 The Living World
5.00 Feedback
5.15 Down Your Way
5.55 Weather
6.00 News
6.15 Past Impressions (5)†
7.00 Does he take Sugar?
7.30 Mrs Earle's Surrey Garden
8.00 The Second Table (5)
8.30 Music to Remember: Brahms †
9.00 News
9.05 Bookshelf
9.35 In Britain Now.
10.00 News
10.15 Columbia-Go For Lift Off
11.00 Before the Ending of the Day†
11.15 Inside Parliament
12.00 News
12.15-12.23am Shipping Forecast

VHF
7.15 am-8.55 Open University: Chartist Studies; The Urban Demographer; 18th Century-Political Prints; Beyond Electric Money; Theatre-in-the-Round.
4.00 pm-6.00 Study on 4: Maths with Meaning (5); Kontakte (24); Digame!; (Suplemento); Voci dall' Italia (3)

Radio 3

7.55 am Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Records: Krommer, Strauss.†
9.00 News.
9.05 Record: MacCunn, Beethoven (op 47 — Perlman, Ashkenazy), Franck, Ravel, Mussorgsky.†
10.30 Music Weekly.†
11.20 Milwaukee SO etc/Schermerhorn: Beethoven (Miss Solemnis).†
12.45 pm Talk: Words.
12.50 Book, Music and Lyrics.†
1.35 Piano (Dawson-Lyell): Bizet, Milhaud, Auric.†
2.45 One Pair of Ears: review.
3.00 Records: Telemann (St Mark Passion.†
5.00 Conversation: Zbigniew Brzezinski.
5.50 Quartet, (Delmé), pt 1: Bach, Simpson (no 1).†
6.35 Interval reading.
6.40 Quartet, pt 2: Beethoven (op 127).†
7.30 Play: Troilus and Cressida, by Shakespeare, pt 1.†
9.05 Record: Skalkottas.†
9.20 Troilus and Cressida, pt 2.†
11.00 News.
11.05 Record: Janacek.†

VHF
5.55 am-7.55 Open University: Cognitive Development; West Riding Discussion; The Incentive to Work; Lucian — Philosophies for Sale; Communication; Catholic Schools in Scotland.
11.15-11.55 pm Open University: The Metaphysical Poets; James Clerk Maxwell.

Jimmy Hill: Match of the Day (BBC 1, 4.50)

Radio 2

6.00 am Sam on Sunday † 7.00 Nick Page.† 8.00 David Jacobs.† 10.00 Pete Murray.† 1.27 pm The Choice is Yours. 1.32 The Little and Large Party.† 2.00 Over the Rainbow.† 3.00 Alan Dell.† 4.00 Country Style.† 4.30 Sing Something Simple.† 5.00 Two's Best. 6.00 Charlie Chester. 7.00 Treble Chance. 7.30 Marching and Waltzing. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9.00 Your 100 Best Tunes. 10.00 Wit's End.† 10.30 Fiesta!† 11.05 Peter Marshall.† 2.00 am-5.00 You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

8.00 am Tony Blackburn. 10.00 Madeline Bell. 12.00 Adrian Juste. 1.00 pm Jimmy Savile. 3.00 Studio B15. 5.00 Top 40.† 7.00 Alexis Korner.† 8.00 Sounds of Jazz† 10.00 Close.

VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 6.00 am With Radio 2. 5.00 pm With Radio 1. 10.00-5.00 am With Radio 2.

World Service

BBC World Service can be received in Western Europe on medium wave (648kHz, 463m) at the following times (GMT):-
6.00 am Newsdesk 7.00 World News. 7.09 News about Britain. 7.15 From Our Own Correspondent 7.45 A House for Mr Biswas. 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 People and Politics 9.30 From the Weeklies 9.45 Sports Review. 10.15 Classical Record Review. 10.30 Sunday Service 11.00 World News. 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 Play of the Week. 12.30 pm Baker's Half-dozen 1.00pm World News. 1.09 Commentary. 1.15 From Our Own Correspondent 1.30 Short Story 1.45 The Sandi Jones Request Show. 2.30 Smash of the Day 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Concert Hall. 4.00 World News 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Science in Action 4.45 Letter from America 5.00 World News 5.09 Financial Review. 5.20 New Ideas. 5.30 Aria. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Commentary. 8.15 Letterbox 9.15 The Sandi Jones Request Show. 10.00 World News 10.09 Science in Action 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sportscall. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Letter from America 11.30 Music Now 12.00 World News 12.09 am News about Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Religious Service 1.00 Concert Hall 1.45 Travels of a Gentleman. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Stars in their Eyes 2.30 The Natural History Museum 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 Take One. 3.30 Anything Goes. 4.00 Newsdesk. 5.45 Words Made Flesh.

REGIONAL TV

ATV
As London except: Starts 9.30 am-10.00 No Need to Shout 11.00 Getting On. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Today 1.00 pm God's Story. 1.15 Benson 1.45 University Challenge 2.15-4.00 Film. Sahara* (Humphrey Bogart, Lloyd Bridges). 11.30-12.30 am Monte Carlo Show.

Southern
As London except: Starts 8.45 am Communion. 9.00-9.30 Co-operate!. 11.00 Getting On 11.33-12.00 Numbers at Work 1.00 pm Project UFO. 1.55 Farm Progress 2.20 Film: Body Stealers (George Sanders). 3.55-4.00 News. 11.30 Kate loves a Mystery. 12.25 am Weather, followed by Being a Christian.

Granada
As London except: Starts 9.30 am-10.00 Human Face of China 11.00 This is Your Right. 11.25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11.30-12.00 Co-operate!. 1.00 pm God's Story. 1.15 University Challenge. 1.45 Out of Town. 2.15-4.00 How the West Was Won. 11.30-12.30 am Mannix.

Tyne Tees
As London except. Starts 9.05 am-9.30 Co-operative! 11.00 Getting On 11.30-12.00 Numbers at Work. 1.00 pm University Challenge 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 Walt Disney Classics 2.10-4.00 How the West Was Won 5.28-5.30 News. 11.30 Paris. 12.30 am-12.35 Dalesmen Singers.

Westward
As London except: Starts 9.30-10 am Getting on. 11.00 Co-operate! 11.30-12.00 Numbers at Work 1.00 pm No Need to Shout. 1.30 Farm and Country News. 2.00-4.00 Film: Town Like Alice* (Virginia McKenna, Peter Finch). 11.30 New Avengers. 12.30 am-12.35 Faith for Life.

HTV
As London except: Starts 9.00-10.00 am Sesame Street. 11.00 Getting on. 11.30-12.00 Co-operate! 1.00 pm God's Story. 1.15 University Challenge. 1.45 West Country Farming. 2.15-4.00 Film: What's Good for the Goose (Norman Wisdom, Sally Geeson). 11.30-12.30 am New Avengers.
HTV Cymru/Wales: No Variations.

Channel
As London except. Starts 1.57 pm Good News. 2.00-4.00 Film: Town Like Alice* (Virginia McKenna, Peter Finch) 11.30 New Avengers. 12.30 am Epilogue.

Grampian
As London except: 9.05-9.30 am Co-operate! 11.00 Getting on. 11.30-12.00 Numbers at Work. 1.00 pm God's Story. 1.15 Seachd Laithean. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 University Challenge 2.30 Happy Days 3.00-4.00 Unaccustomed As I Am. 11.30 Reflections. 11.35-12.30 am Kate Loves a Mystery.

Scottish
As London except: 9.05am-9.30 Jaywalking 11.00 Getting On 11.30-12.00 University Challenge 1.00pm God's Story. 1.15 Seachd Laithean 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 Puss 'n' Boots. 2.15 Chips 3.15-4.00 Glen Michael Cavalcade 6.00-6.30 Into the Eighties 11.30 Late Call 11.35 Odd Couple. 12.05am-12.35 Butlin's Grand Masters Darts Championships.

Yorkshire
As London except: starts 9.00 Getting On 9.25 No Need to Shout. 9.55-10.00 Dick Tracy 11.00 Numbers at Work 11.30-12.00 Farming Diary. 1.00pm God's Story. 1.15 University Challenge. 1.45 Calendar. 2.15-4.00 Film Sea Fury* (Stanley Baker). 11.30 Five Minutes. 11.35-12.30am Paris.

Ulster
As London except. starts 10.30am Way of the Wilderness 11.00 Getting On. 11.30-12.00 Co-operate! 12.58pm News. 1.00 God's Story 1.15 University Challenge 1.45 Farming Ulster. 2.15-4.00 How the West Was Won. 6.38-6.40 News 8.40-8.45 Sports Results. 11.30-11.40 Bedtime.

Border
As London except: starts 9.30-10.00 No Need To Shout 11.00 Getting On. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Today 1.00pm God's Story. 1.15 Survival. 1.40 Farming Outlook 2.10 Border Diary 2.15 Outsiders. 3.05-4.00 Chips. 11.30 Closedown.

Anglia
As London except: 9.05am No Need To Shout 9.30-10.00 Co-operate! 11.00 Getting On 11.30-12.00 Numbers at Work. 1.00pm God's Story. 1.15 Gerry the Lamb 1.30 Weather. 1.35 Farming Diary. 2.05 Film Brenda (Jack Palance) 3.30-4.00 Heirloom. 11.30 SWAT. 12.30am Bible for Today.

Jesus saith . . . My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. St. John [illegible]

BIRTHS

ASHBY.—On 1st April, in [illegible]ford, to Diana (née Caroline) and John —a daughter.

DIXON.—On April 2nd, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Valerie [illegible] and Peter—a daughter, a sister for Zoë Emma.

HODDER.—On April 1st, to Anne [illegible] and John—a daughter (Charlotte).

LEBUS.—On April 3rd at the Middlesex Hospital, to Jennifer (née Harvey) and Richard—a son (Michael Anthony Harvey), a brother for Caroline.

PHILLIPS.—On March 18th, in [illegible], to Cynthia and Edward—a daughter (Daniela [illegible]), sister for James and Alison.

SHAW.—On 26th March at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, to Amanda (née Leon) and Colin—a daughter (Katherine Hope).

SHIDLEY.—On March 31st, at home, to Victoria (née Stewart-Brown) and Geoffrey—a son (Rupert Patrick Hamilton).

SWORD-DANIELS.—On 2nd April, at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, to Rachael (née Sawyer) and [illegible]—a daughter (Eliza-[illegible]).

[illegible].—On April 2, 1981, at [illegible] Hospital, Dundee, to [illegible] and Andrew—a son, a brother for David and [illegible].

WARD.—On 31st March, at Freedom Fields Hospital, Plymouth, to Janet (née [illegible]) and Paul—a son (Matthew James Alexander).

ADOPTIONS

MOTYER.—By Valerie (née Young) and Stephen—a son (Alexander [illegible] Samuel) now aged 5 [illegible].

BIRTHDAYS

DODD.—[illegible] birthday to [illegible], lots of love, [illegible], Rhys, and [illegible].

CHARLOTTE BEATRICE SCOTT.—[illegible] birthday.

JO[illegible].—[illegible] birthday on the [illegible], love Dad, Mum, Pete and [illegible].

DEATHS

BRENNER.—On [illegible] 2nd, after a long illness, [illegible], much loved wife of [illegible] and mother of [illegible]. [illegible] Church, [illegible], at 12 noon on Saturday, [illegible].

CARLINGTON.—On Tuesday, March 31, 1981, suddenly, at her home, [illegible] Road, [illegible], [illegible], sister of the late [illegible]. [illegible] Crematorium, [illegible] Park [illegible] Tuesday, 7th April, [illegible]. Inquiries to [illegible].

DE RYHEL.—On 2nd April, 1981, peacefully, at 139 Westbourne Grove, London W2, Geoffrey [illegible], FRCS, [illegible] by family and friends in Belgium and England. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium at 1.00 pm on Tuesday 7th April.

D[illegible].—On April 2nd at Manor [illegible], peacefully, [illegible]. Loved and [illegible] family. Service at St [illegible] Church, Lacock, [illegible] 11 [illegible] am, 7th April. [illegible] 30 Mar-[illegible] Chippenham.

[illegible].—On 2nd April, 1981, [illegible], [illegible] LTD, MB, [illegible] of 7 Frank-[illegible] Chichester, aged 69, [illegible] his wife Josephine and [illegible], Adrian and Stephen. Requiem Mass at 9 am on [illegible] at St. Richard's Church, Chichester. Family flowers only.

[illegible].—[illegible] Francis, F.G.S., [illegible] on Thursday, 2nd April, [illegible] at home, Attenborough, [illegible], in her 76th year, dearly loved [illegible] of Jess, much-loved [illegible] of Peter, Paul and [illegible] grandmother of [illegible], Katie and Lucy. [illegible] Service at St. [illegible], Attenborough, Wednesday, [illegible]. Family flowers only. [illegible] at St. Peter's, Nottingham, Monday, April 13th, at 12 noon.

JOY.—On 31st March, 1981, peacefully, after a long illness, at the Royal Marsden Hospital, [illegible], wife of Cyril [illegible]. Service Putney Vale Crematorium at [illegible] p.m. Wednesday, [illegible] April 8th. Flowers and inquiries to 57 Bury Walk, S.W.3, 01-589 [illegible], or if preferred, donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

[illegible].—On April 2nd, 1981, peacefully, in his [illegible] year, [illegible], late Colonial [illegible], dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. [illegible] at St Andrew's [illegible], at 12 o'clock [illegible] 8th April, followed by [illegible] cremation. Family [illegible] only, donations if desired to St Andrew's Church Tower [illegible] Fund.

[illegible].—[illegible] 31st March, 1981, [illegible] 87 years, [illegible] and [illegible] and devoted mother of Janet Lloyd and [illegible]. Funeral service at Cambridge Crematorium on Tuesday, 7th April, at 11.30 am.

HARRISON.—On March 31st, 1981, at Sunnybrook Hospital, Canada, [illegible], widow of [illegible] Harrison. Funeral [illegible]. Donations if wished to London Association for the [illegible], 11 Verney Street, S.E.16.

MEAD, [illegible] STELLA.—On 30th March, 1981, in London. [illegible], late of Wembley Park. Glad to be at rest.

SOUTTER.—On April 1st, 1981, [illegible], aged 82 years, widow of Captain Johnstone Soutter, R.N., mother of John Soutter and Louise Cowen, and [illegible] of [illegible], Joan Gor-[illegible] of Sydney, Australia. Funeral service at Lansdowne Baptist Church, Bournemouth, on Friday, 10th April, at 2.15 p.m.

STEPHENS.—On 2nd April, Noel Stephens, of Sunningdale, Berks, beloved husband of Kathleen and father of Jennifer and Mary. Funeral service at Guildford Crematorium on Tuesday, 7th April, at 3.30 p.m. Donations if desired to Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Farnham.

WILLIS[illegible] VAUGHAN.—On 2nd April in hospital, Richard Hugh, husband of the late Elaine Collingwood, also stepfather to Simon Jefferies and brother of Mrs. Bettina Ellis. Funeral at St. Andrew's Church, Walberswick, on Friday, 10th April, 1981, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research.

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ACROSS

1 Comfortably off, with work at last done properly (4-6).
6 [illegible] note not new (4).
9 [illegible] god appears outside at tea (10).
10 [illegible] move (4).
12 [illegible]'s not charged (4).
13 Not liking green isn't unusual (9).
15 Sal can be so flighty (8).
16 Orders—it's rep who's taken them . . . (6).
18 . . . so has he, on right-hand page, right? (6).
20 Entrance to store—you can't miss it (4-4).
23 Carrie's entrance (9).
24 [illegible] one burns, so to speak (4).
26 Flag in [illegible] (4).
27 Turn the table first to defeat (10).
28 Lady Jane grizzled (4).
29 Sporting contest held by Westmeath town never finished (10).

DOWN

1 Insect wasn't noisy (4).
2 [illegible] metaphorical misprint (7).
3 Little creature averse to mush in this form (7, 5).
4 [illegible] of hospital I depend on completely (6).
5 Being selfish, 'e takes turn first (6).
7 Superficial and tedious changes (7).
8 Stuck up? A Conservative? That's slanderous (10).
11 En route concealing information that's not compromising (12).
14 All of "Henry V" I get wrong (10).
17 He's strict, Luther, and French (8).
19 Cup of tea, with a bit of lemon and ice (7).
21 Garment manufacturer's supreme product (7).
22 Like Miller, eating lettuce? (6).
25 Men from East Anglia (4).

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